



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE UNITES STATES OF AMERICA HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN A MELTING POT WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONALITIES, RELIGIOUS FAITHS AND CULTURES COME TOGETHER AS ONE, AND AS THE STRENGTH OF OUR GREAT CITY RESTS IN THE COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY OF ITS CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS, OUR ONLY HOPE OF ESTABLISHING PEACE AMONG DIVERSE PEOPLES IS THROUGH RECOGNIZING OUR CONNECTEDNESS AND COMMON DREAM OF PEACE ON EARTH; AND

WHEREAS, THE FIRST DAY OF A NEW YEAR TYPICALLY DENOTES HOPEFUL EXPECTATION AND POSITIVE RESOLVE IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS, THE SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS, A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN OUR COUNTRY TO PROMOTE PEACE, UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL THROUGH TEACHING THAT LIVING PEACEABLY BEGINS BY THINKING PEACEFULLY, HAS CALLED FOR A **UNIVERSAL HOUR OF PEACE** OVER THE MIDNIGHT HOUR DECEMBER 31, 2008 – JANUARY 1, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 31, 2008 AT 11:30 PM LOCAL TIME, AS:

UNIVERSAL HOUR OF PEACE

WHEN THE PEOPLE OF OUR GREAT CITY MIGHT STAND, UNITED IN COMMON PURPOSE, COMMITTING OURSELVES IN THOUGHT AND ACTION SO PEACE MAY MOVE ACROSS THE FACE OF THE EARTH IN THE DAWNING OF THE NEW YEAR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

**T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES**

