



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, DES MOINES DESIRES TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ITS CITIZENS AND GUESTS; AND,

WHEREAS, TREES ARE ONE OF DES MOINES MOST VALUABLE, NATURAL RESOURCES THAT CLEAN OUR AIR AND WATER, SEQUESTER CARBON, HELPS TO CONSERVE OUR SOIL AND ENERGY RESOURCES, PROVIDE CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT FOR NUMEROUS ANIMAL SPECIES, AND HELPS MAKE OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD A MORE PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND VISIT; AND,

WHEREAS, THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF OUR URBAN FOREST FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS DEPENDS ON THE CITY OF DES MOINES; AND,

WHEREAS, DES MOINES HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A TREE CITY USA BY THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AND DESIRES TO CONTINUE OUR REFORESTATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS TOWARD ENSURING THE FUTURE OF OUR URBAN FOREST TREES; AND,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008, AS:

### “ARBOR DAY”

AND URGE THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY AND TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PLANT, PROTECT, AND MAINTAIN OUR TREES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

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

