



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 1998 THE FIRST LAFS FOR LIFE – DES MOINES FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS - WERE PRESENTED TO FOURTH GRADERS IN THE DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND

WHEREAS, IN THE ENSUING TEN YEARS, OVER 150,000 CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED IMPORTANT FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY PREVENTION AND SURVIVAL TRAINING FROM THE LAFS-DMFD PARTNERSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, SPARKY THE CLOWN, ALSO KNOWN AS PAM MOODY, HAS SERVED AS BOTH THE LEAD PRESENTER AND BUSINESS MANAGER FOR LAFS FOR LIFE SINCE ITS INCEPTION; AND

WHEREAS, LAFS FOR LIFE HAS MORE THAN FULFILLED ITS MISSION TO REDUCE THE LOSS OF LIFE, PROPERTY AND INJURIES CAUSED BY FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, THROUGH THE USE OF EDUCATIONAL PUPPETRY, CLOWNING AND CHARACTERIZATION; AND

WHEREAS, LAFS FOR LIFE WILL CELEBRATE ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE SPARKY THE CLOWN AND THE LAFS FOR LIFE PROGRAM FOR TEN YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AND EXTEND THE APPRECIATION OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

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

