



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, IN 1492, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, A MAN OF ITALIAN ANCESTRY, MADE HIS FIRST VOYAGE TO AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS, THE FIRST COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION WAS HELD IN 1792 IN NEW YORK CITY – THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ITALIAN MAN'S LANDING IN AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS, PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PROCLAIMED COLUMBUS DAY AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND TO DATE, IT IS THE ONLY DAY ON WHICH ALL PAN-AMERICAN LANDS JOIN IN CELEBRATION; AND

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS DAY IS A LEGAL, FEDERAL HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THIS YEAR WILL BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009; AND

WHEREAS, ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH WILL BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE CITY DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER. OUR 71ST ANNUAL OBSERVANCE WILL BE AT THE COLUMBUS MONUMENT ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE STATE CAPITOL THAT SAME DAY.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2009, AS:

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

IN HONOR OF ALL ITALIAN- AMERICANS IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES AND ACROSS AMERICA.

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-EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND NINE.

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

