



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH IS SPONSORING THE "26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" EVENT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, BUSINESSES, AND CONCERNED CITIZENS WORK TOGETHER DILIGENTLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO PREVENT CRIME USING SOUND COMMUNITY POLICING STRATEGIES; AND

**WHEREAS,** NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS, SPIRIT, AND COOPERATION ARE IMPORTANT THEMES OF THE "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" PROJECT AND ARE KEY COMPONENTS IN FIGHTING CRIME AND CRIME PREVENTION; AND

**WHEREAS,** "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DES MOINES RESIDENTS TO JOIN TOGETHER WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHER COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ON THE SAME DAY IN SUPPORT OF SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE OF COOPERATIVE CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009, AS:

## "26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

AND CALL UPON THE RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES TO RECOGNIZE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL OBSERVANCE.

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 SEVENTH DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND NINE.

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

