

City of Des Moines



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE DESIGNATED MAY 15 OF EACH YEAR AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND THE WEEK IN WHICH IT FALLS AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE MEMBERS OF THE DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL CITIZENS OF DES MOINES KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THEIR POLICE OFFICERS; AND
- WHEREAS,** POLICE OFFICERS IN DES MOINES RECOGNIZE THEIR DUTY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF OUR CITY BY SAFEGUARDING LIFE AND PROPERTY, BY PROTECTING THE INNOCENT AGAINST DECEPTION AND THE WEAK AGAINST OPPRESSION OR INTIMIDATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE A MODERN PROGRESSIVE AGENCY THAT PROVIDES A VITAL PUBLIC SERVICE; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT IS FITTING AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES TO JOIN TOGETHER IN COMMEMORATING POLICE OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT, WHO, BY THEIR FAITHFUL AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, HAVE RENDERED A DEDICATED SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND, IN DOING SO, HAVE ESTABLISHED FOR THEMSELVES AN ENVIABLE AND ENDURING RÉPUTATION FOR PRESERVING RIGHTS AND SECURITY FOR ALL CITIZENS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF DES MOINES DESIRES TO HONOR THE VALOR, SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF ITS OWN POLICE OFFICERS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 9 - 15, 2010, AS:

"NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" AND MAY 15, 2010 as **"POLICE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY"**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TENTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TEN.

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

