

# City of Des Moines



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (ACYPL) PROVIDES ELECTED OFFICIALS AND POLICY EXPERTS A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE THROUGH THEIR FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH THE BELIEF IN BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER ACROSS OCEANS, BORDERS, AND POLITICAL SPECTRUMS TO FOSTER A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT, AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE ACYPL PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND IS PART OF THE YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE (YSEALI), AIMED AT ENGAGING PROMISING YOUNG LEADERS, AGED 25-35, FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) INCLUDING: BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA, INDONESIA, LAOS, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, AND VIETNAM IN DEVELOPING AND FOSTERING INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR TACKLING WHAT THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED AS THEIR GENERATION'S GREATEST CHALLENGES IN THE REGION; AND

**WHEREAS,** ACYPL'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE YOUNG, RISING, POLITICAL LEADERS, BOTH AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES, WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THROUGH TRAVEL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE INTERACTIONS THAT BUILD RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH A VARIETY OF EXCHANGES; AND

**WHEREAS,** DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, THE DES MOINES COMMUNITY WILL HOST FOUR ACYPL PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS INCLUDING: MS. AZLINA AJI, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF BRUNEI; MR. ICHAN, PROGRAM OFFICER FOR THE INDONESIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE OF INDONESIA; MR. WENDY HENG, IT SUPPORT OFFICER OF THE REGIONAL CIVIL SERVICE AGENCY OF WEST KALIMANTAN PROVINCE, INDONESIA; MS. KRISTINE JANE "KEIJI" EJERCITO, SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICER OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. GORDON, SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES; AND MR. AN DANG DO, OFFICIAL OF THE HEALTH PARTNERSHIP GROUP, MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF VIETNAM; AND


**WHEREAS,** THESE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS WILL FOCUS ON BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME IN DES MOINES TO ADDRESS ISSUES LIKE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, DRUG POLICIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT MEMBERS, AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019, AS:

### AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS MONTH

IN DES MOINES AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN THIS 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 SIXTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

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