

# City of Des Moines



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** THE DES MOINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DES MOINES, IOWA, FORMED SEPTEMBER 27, 2009 IN A MEETING AT THE BIRTHPLACE OF DES MOINES/FORT DES MOINES II MEMORIAL CABIN, WHERE THE CITIES' MODERN HISTORY BEGAN MAY 20, 1843 WHEN THE FORT WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE DES MOINES AND RACCOON RIVERS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THIS YEAR MARKS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DES MOINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WHICH HAS PROVEN TO BE A RESPECTED AND NECESSARY ORGANIZATION BENEFITTING THE CITY BY PARTICIPATING IN THE 2009 CELEBRATION MARKING THE CENTENNIAL OF CITY HALL, MAINTAINING THE MEMORIAL BIRTHPLACE CABIN, WRITING HISTORIES OF PARKS AND CEMETERIES, HOLDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TOURS, GATHERING HISTORICAL DES MOINES ITEMS, AND INCREASING AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN THE REMARKABLE HISTORY OF THE CITY; AND

**WHEREAS,** AN ABUNDANCE OF CITY HISTORY HAS YET TO BE DISCOVERED, RESEARCHED AND COMPILED; ADDITIONALLY, HISTORICAL RECORDS, STORIES AND ARTIFACTS ARE BEING QUICKLY LOST; AND

**WHEREAS,** WE ALIVE TODAY SHOULD LEAVE FUTURE GENERATIONS AN AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF DES MOINES' RICH HISTORY, AND THE DES MOINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY FILLS AN OVERLOOKED NEED AND STRIVES TO CONTINUE WORKING TOWARDS ITS PURPOSE "TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION AND STUDY OF THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF DES MOINES, IOWA."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE:

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DES MOINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AND URGE THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES TO SUPPORT THEIR ONGOING MISSION TO COLLECT, SECURE AND PRESERVE ARTIFACTS AND RECORDS PERTINENT TO THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES.

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

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