



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ROBERT KING, SR. HAS FILLED A LONG-TERM AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN ADVISORY ROLE IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES' CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS WHICH BEGAN WITH THE FEDERAL MODEL CITIES PROGRAM IN NOVEMBER 1967; AND

WHEREAS, ON AUGUST 30, 1971, DES MOINES WAS ONE OF 20 CITIES SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXPANSION OF THE MODEL CITIES PROGRAM AND THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS GREW TO INCLUDE FIVE ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOODS, WITH ELECTED NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITY BOARDS AND A CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE 1967, BOB KING, SR. HAS SERVED ON THE MODEL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITY BOARD, WAS CHAIRPERSON OF THE CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD FROM 1973 TO 1995, CHAIRED THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION BOARD FROM 1996 TO 2004 AND CONTINUES TO SERVE ON THE NRB FOR A TOTAL OF 41 YEARS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE; AND

WHEREAS, BOB KING, SR. HAS BEEN A CONSTANT SUPPORTER OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT ALL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, DECENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND HAVE A SAY IN HOW THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008, AS:

BOB KING, SR. WEEK

In recognition of his outstanding service to the community, and as a reminder to all residents, of our obligation to be involved in making sure Des Moines remains a place where all residents can enjoy the quality of life they seek.

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

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

