



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY ENCOURAGES READING THIS SUMMER WITH TWO DYNAMIC SUMMER READING PROGRAMS THAT BEGIN ON JUNE 9TH AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH AUGUST 2ND; AND
- WHEREAS, THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY HOPES THAT CHILDREN IN GREATER DES MOINES WILL WANT TO *CATCH THE READING BUG*; AND
- WHEREAS, EACH AND EVERY TEEN IS INVITED TO *TRANSFORM YOURSELF* VIA BOOKS, ACTIVITIES, AND FUN PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FREE AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY; AND
- WHEREAS, THE LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAMS ARE MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO SPONSORSHIP BY THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM WELLS FARGO, PIONEER, NATIONWIDE, H LOIS AND DALE BRIGHT FOUNDATION, AND THE BANK OF AMERICA; AND
- WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NOTES THAT RECREATIONAL READING IS EFFECTIVE IN HELPING KIDS SCORE HIGHER ON TESTS AND MAKING BETTER DECISIONS IN LIFE; AND
- WHEREAS, PARENTS AND CARE-GIVERS IN GREATER DES MOINES ARE INSPIRED TO BRING CHILDREN AND TEENS TO THE LIBRARY OFTEN TO ENJOY STORY TIMES, JOIN IN READING ACTIVITIES, AND TO SPEND TIME DAILY WITH KIDS ENGAGED IN READING ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE A LIFELONG LOVE OF READING AND LEARNING; AND
- WHEREAS, THE LIBRARY'S 2008 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS KICKS OFF WITH SPECIAL SIGN-UP SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN FEATURING VISITS WITH CUBBIE BEAR FROM THE IOWA CUBS DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 9TH.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN PROCLAIMING THE DATE OF JUNE NINTH AS:

DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2008 KICKOFF TO A SUMMER OF READING

AND ENCOURAGE ALL CHILDREN TO MAKE READING AN ENRICHING PART OF THEIR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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

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

