



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** GARDENERS HAVE A PASSION FOR NURTURING THE BEAUTY AND RESOURCES OF THE EARTH THROUGH THE PLANTING OF SEEDS, THE CARE OF ALL PLANTS AND THE RICHES OF THEIR EFFORTS; AND
- WHEREAS,** GARDENERS SEEK TO ADD BEAUTY, SPLENDOR, FRAGRANCE AND NUTRITION TO OUR LIVES THROUGH THE GROWING OF HERBS, VEGETABLES, FOLIAGE AND FLOWERS; AND
- WHEREAS,** GARDENERS WORK TO PRESERVE OUR COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE AND INITIATIVE THROUGH INNOVATION AND HARD WORK; AND
- WHEREAS,** GARDENERS ADVOCATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL CREATURES, LARGE AND SMALL, THAT SHARE OUR WORLD AND THEIR ROLES IN A BALANCED AND PRODUCTIVE ECOLOGY; AND
- WHEREAS,** GARDENING FURNISHES A CHALLENGING AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY FOR MANY CITIZENS, FOR THOSE JUST LEARNING AS WELL AS THOSE HAVING YEARS OF EXPERIENCE; AND
- WHEREAS,** GARDENING PROMOTES A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME, HELPS REDUCE STRESS FROM OTHER AREAS OF OUR LIVES AND TEACHES THAT REWARDS CAN COME FROM DILIGENT EFFORTS; AND
- WHEREAS,** GARDENING ENABLES MEMBERS OF GARDEN CLUBS ACROSS THE NATION AND THE WORLD TO SERVE OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY RESIDE AND WORK; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2009 AS:

### "NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH"

IN AN EFFORT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF GARDENING AND THE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF GARDENERS.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. M. Franklin Cownie".

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

