



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES PROVIDED IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CITIZENS' EVERYDAY LIVES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE SUPPORT OF AN UNDERSTANDING AND INFORMED CITIZENRY IS VITAL TO THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS SUCH AS SANITATION, SEWERS, STREETS, FORESTRY, AND WASTEWATER RECLAMATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE AREA'S NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS DEPENDS ON THESE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE FUNCTIONS, AS WELL AS THEIR PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, IS VITALLY DEPENDENT UPON THE EFFORTS AND SKILL OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING OFFICIALS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE EFFICIENCY OF THE QUALIFIED AND DEDICATED PERSONNEL WHO STAFF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS IS MATERIALLY INFLUENCED BY THE PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK THEY PERFORM.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2009 AS:

"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"

IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, AND I CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATION TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING OUR PUBLIC WORKS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING OFFICIALS MAKE EVERYDAY TO OUR HEALTH, SAFETY, COMFORT, AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

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**

