PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, A significant portion of Des Moines’ population is aging and aging population affects all — as individuals and as a civil society; and

WHEREAS, As Des Moines residents stay healthier and active longer, Des Moines is committed to adapting to the needs of changing demographics to serve the interests of Iowans and sustain economic and social vitality; and

WHEREAS, An age-friendly Des Moines commitment encourages active aging by optimizing opportunities for health for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Where we choose to live, our physical, social and cultural environment, greatly impact how we live, and all Iowa communities play a critical role in helping residents live longer and better; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines is taking a lead on addressing the question for all Iowa communities on how businesses, governments, nonprofits, and individuals will respond to changing needs for health care, housing, transportation, food and other essentials; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2012, GOVERNING magazine and AARP are convening in Des Moines, one of the first of four communities in the nation to host statewide roundtable discussions on the kinds of policies and programs needed to foster innovation to create communities for all ages across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE CITY OF DES MOINES, AS A CITY COMMITTED TO PROMOTING, CREATING AND SUSTAINING COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETOunto SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

[Signature]
T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a significant portion of Iowa's population is aging and the citizens of Iowa recognize that an aging population affects all -- as individuals and as a civil society; and

WHEREAS, Iowans are committed to our goal to lead as the healthiest state in the nation, and age-friendly communities encourage active aging by optimizing opportunities for health; and

WHEREAS, where we choose to live, our physical, social and cultural environment, greatly impact how we live, and Iowa communities play a critical role in helping Iowans live longer and better; and

WHEREAS, as Iowans stay healthier and active longer, the state, its cities, counties and businesses should adapt to the needs of changing demographics to serve the interests of Iowans and sustain economic and social vitality; and

WHEREAS, all Iowa communities must ask how businesses, governments, nonprofits, and individuals will respond to changing needs for health care, housing, transportation, food and other essentials; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2012, GOVERNING magazine and AARP will convene one of the first of four communities in the nation to host statewide roundtable discussions on the kinds of policies and programs needed to foster innovation to create communities for all ages across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim Iowa as a state committed to promoting, creating and sustaining communities for all ages.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE