

**PROCLAMATION**  
**MUSCATINE VOLUNTEER WEEK**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has stated that, "America's story has been marked by the service of volunteers. Generations of selfless individuals from all walks of life have served each other and our city, each person dedicated to making tomorrow better than today. They exemplify the basic American idea that we can change things, make things better and solve problems when we work together."; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are the lifeblood of our schools and shelters, hospitals and hotlines, and faith-based and community groups; and

WHEREAS, last year nearly 64.5 million Americans, 26.5% of the adult population, gave of themselves through 7.9 billion hours of service; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Iowa during 2013, 784,000 volunteers, 36% of the adult population, gave of themselves through 79.8 million hours of service with a value of \$1.4 billion of service contributed to fellow Iowans, ranking us 5<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Muscatine, approximately 8,200 Muskie volunteers gave 834,760 hours of service with an estimated value of \$18.5 million to the Muscatine community; and

WHEREAS, volunteering and civic engagement are the cornerstones of a strong city and it is appropriate to encourage, empower, celebrate and honor the volunteers in our city; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Miss Muscatine Scholarship Program, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, 4-H, United Way of Muscatine, and Rebuilding Together Muscatine are examples of many local groups that share their time and talents to the tenant of service;

WHEREAS, volunteers will serve those in need in the City of Muscatine during Muscatine Volunteer Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2014 as Muscatine Volunteer Week in the City of Muscatine and urge all our citizens to support the efforts of local organizations and service groups that encourage volunteers and service to others and celebrate the profound impact of volunteers and encourage all Muscatine citizens to discover their own power to make a difference.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2014.

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DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor