

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**

- 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 our 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 life, and teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world, and in our community in particular, the Muscatine Garden Club, to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Diana Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, do hereby join National Garden Clubs Inc. in designating the week of June 5-11, 2016 as National Garden Week.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

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**Diana Broderson, Mayor**