

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Muscatine place high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric, water, and communications utilities and, as consumers and owners of our electric, water, and communications utilities, have a direct say in utility operations and policies; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine Power and Water provides our homes, businesses, farms, social service, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and low cost electricity, water, and telecommunications services employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine Power and Water is a valuable community asset that contributes substantially to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine Power and Water has also taken on additional stewardship for our community's information infrastructure through a broadband network providing MachLink Internet and MPW Digital TV services expanding community and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine Power and Water is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place in which to work and live;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Muscatine Power and Water will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity, water, and telecommunications services to community homes and businesses, just as it has since 1922, the year when the utility was created to serve all citizens of Muscatine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of October 7-13, 2012 be designated the 26th annual Public Power Week in order to honor Muscatine Power & Water for its contributions to the community and to make its consumer-owners, policy makers and employees more aware of Muscatine Power and Water's overall contributions to their well-being and how it makes their lives powerful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our community joins hands with about 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power and recognition that Muscatine Power and Water is good for consumers, business, the community, and the nation.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor