

PROCLAMATION

EARTH DAY 2011

WHEREAS, in 1970 Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson proposed the first nationwide environmental protest to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda; and

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day went global in 1990, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting the status of environmental issues on to the world stage and it gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide; and

WHEREAS, April 22 of each year marks the anniversary of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine has partnered with Muscatine Power and Water to celebrate Earth Day by hosting "Earth Day Celebration 2011 – Living Green in Muscatine" environmental event on Friday, April 15, 2011, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2011 as Earth Day in the City of Muscatine, and I urge all citizens to participate in living green to make our community a greener place to live. Opportunities for energy and water conservation, public transportation use, recycling, and caring about our environment are all ways we all can contribute to living green in Muscatine.

Signed and Sealed this 7th. Day of April 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

PLUG INTO YOUR FAMILY WEEK

WHEREAS, the most important trait in strong, happy families is commitment; and

WHEREAS, strong families focus on the strengths of each other; and

WHEREAS, healthy families enjoy being together to work and play; and

WHEREAS, a family has to be willing to invest time to share feelings and opinions; and

WHEREAS, sharing spiritual values and standards are important to strong families; and

WHEREAS, happy families have fun together, play together, laugh together; and

WHEREAS, flexibility is an important trait in strong families; and

WHEREAS, the more family members have in common, the more they tend to do things together.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the period April 18-23, 2011 as Plug Into Your Family Week in the City of Muscatine and encourage all citizens to join me in turning off our electronics and "plugging" into our families during the designated period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, to be affixed the 7th day of April, 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

“Protecting Children is Everyone’s Business”

WHEREAS, children are one of the most precious resources in our city and provide the hope for a brighter tomorrow;

WHEREAS, protecting children is everyone’s business and we can promote and support safe and healthy families in our community through partnering to protect children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community issue and finding solutions depends on involvement and partnerships among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of partnerships created by parents, practitioners, schools, faith communities, health care organizations, law enforcement agencies, community leaders, politicians and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens need to be more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention in the community and be involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing society;

WHEREAS, public awareness regarding child abuse and neglect is encouraged by the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa and Muscatine County Child Abuse Response and Education System (CARES).

Therefore, I, Richard O’Brien, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2011, as Child Abuse Prevention Month City of Muscatine, Iowa and urge all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, businesses to partner in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 7th day of April, 2011.

Richard W. O’Brien, Mayor