

PROCLAMATION

CITY OF MUSCATINE SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK

WHEREAS, the City's National Guard and Reserve forces continue to serve our country with distinction and today, our Guardsmen and Reservists are active on every front in the Global War on Terror. During Iowa Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, we honor our courageous Guardsman and Reservists and their employers, whose continued support is vital to the success of our Armed Forces and to the strength of our country; and

WHEREAS, our Guard and Reserve personnel are training hard and deploying frequently to meet new challenges worldwide, natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies all over the world and in Iowa this year; and

WHEREAS, by supporting our Guardsmen and Reservists employers throughout the city are also helping to advance freedom and democracy around the world. Employer support ensures a degree of comfort for members of the Guard and Reserve so they can focus on the task at hand. At the same time, these employers benefit from the professionalism, experience, and leadership skills these citizen-warriors bring home. Employer support of our Guard and Reserve at home and abroad helps ensure our troops are mission-ready while also providing a source of pride and assurance for all Americans. This city is grateful to employers and workers for their support of Guard and Reserve members and their families. Together, our National Guard and Reserve forces and their employers are united in purpose and reflect the highest standards of professionalism and honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, on behalf of the City Council, staff and citizens of Muscatine, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2011, as City of Muscatine Support of the Guard and Reserve Week and encourage all residents of Muscatine to join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks to the members of our National Guard and Reserve and their civilian employers for their extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our Nation. I also call upon private organizations, businesses, and all military commanders to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the caused the Great Seal of the City of Muscatine to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, the Senior Resources Adult Day Center in Muscatine provides professional and compassionate services for adults; and

WHEREAS, through this service, they enable functionality and cognitively impaired adults to receive needed care and services in a community setting; and

WHEREAS, adult day service centers provide a coordinated program of services including restorative and functional maintenance, rehabilitation, skilled and preventative care, and individual group activities; and

WHEREAS, adult day service centers offer participants an opportunity for enriching educational, therapeutic, and social experiences outside the home; and

WHEREAS, these centers provide much needed assistance and counseling for caregivers and involved others; and

WHEREAS, Senior Resources, the Iowa Adult Day Services Association and the National Adult Day Services Association have designated September 18-24, 2011 as National Adult Day Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18-24, 2011 as National Adult Day Services Week in the City of Muscatine, Iowa, and encourage the residents of our community to honor and celebrate this special event.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 15th day of September 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS,** mental illnesses such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorders can severely disturb a person's ability to think, feel, and relate to other people and the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** mental illness is more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and arthritis and is the number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 7.5 million of the country's youths under the age of 18 have mental, behavioral or developmental disorders with only about 1/5 of that number receiving the necessary mental health treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** serious mental illness (SMI) afflicts 6% of American adults costing the nation an estimated \$193.2 billion in lost earnings, according to findings published recently in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*; and
- WHEREAS,** SMIs have been scientifically proven to be highly treatable illnesses of the brain; and
- WHEREAS,** scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illnesses, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a national, grassroots self-help organization working to educate Americans about symptoms and treatment of disorders; improving treatment and access to appropriate medical therapies; reducing the stigma of mental illness; and increasing scientific research in treatment approaches and neuroscience;
- WHEREAS,** approximately 1/3 of the estimated 600,000 homeless people in the United States have SMI and many prisoners incarcerated in American prisons and jails suffer from mental illness; and
- WHEREAS,** misunderstandings exist about many mental illnesses and our social culture often wrongly imposes stigma on them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2-8, 2011 as Mental Health Awareness Week and May 2012 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Muscatine to increase public awareness of mental illness.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 15th day of September 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

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

CROP Walk for Hunger Day

WHEREAS, at the end of World War II many people wanted to share our country's abundance with European war victims, and Church World Service and CROP's first purpose was to gather wheat and other crops from U.S. farms for shipment to Europe; and

WHEREAS, today, locally organized, Church World Service-sponsored CROP Hunger Walks are an important part of community life for more than 2,000 towns and cities in the United States, bringing together people of different faiths, diverse cultures, and all age groups; and

WHEREAS, in the last 15 years alone, CROP Hunger Walks have raised over \$200 million to bring help and hope to people in need in more than 80 countries, including the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, each year CROP Hunger Walks help more than 3,200 local food pantries, food banks and meal sites in the U.S. to provide food to neighbors in need, including our own Muscatine Community Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, the Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on October 2, 2011 to help our community become more aware of and concerned about hunger and its causes; and

WHEREAS, the CROP Hunger Walk will raise funds to help stop hunger both locally and globally;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby recognize Sunday, October 2, 2011, as CROP Hunger Walk Day in Muscatine and encourage residents to take part in this much needed event.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 15th day of September 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor