

  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** IN THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, IOWA'S FARM COMMODITY PRODUCERS ARE HARVESTING THE BOUNTY OF THE RICH SOILS OF THE GREAT STATE; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE ABUNDANCE OF OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE ENJOY ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE PROPER USE AND MANAGEMENT OF SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES; AND

**WHEREAS,** EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS IN 2008 HAVE CHALLENGED ALL IOWANS, BOTH RURAL AND URBAN, WITH THIS STATEWIDE MISSION; AND

**WHEREAS,** FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS IOWA'S 100 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IOWA LANDUSERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND LOCAL STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND

**WHEREAS,** IOWA'S CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP THROUGH THE LOCALLY-LED EFFORTS OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATIONS DISTRICTS WILL BE A FOCAL POINT FOR FLOOD RECOVERY AND IMPROVED STORM WATER MANAGEMENT; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE CHALLENGES FACING LANDUSERS AND THE RESOURCES OF OUR STATE HAVE NEVER BEEN GREATER:

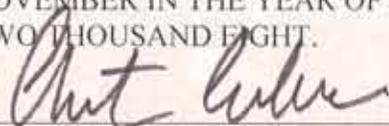
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 23-29, 2008, AS

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK**

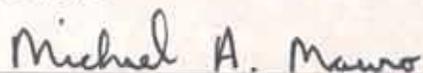
IN IOWA TO BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT STATE AS AN EXPRESSION OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR STATE'S PRECIOUS SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES AND GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER TIME, TALENT, AND LEADERSHIP TO PROTECTING THEM.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

  
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CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE