


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** THE YEAR 2009 MARKS THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEGISLATION ENABLING THE CREATION OF IOWA'S SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP TO WORK WITH LAND-USERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT WAS DECLARED TO BE THE POLICY OF IOWA TO INTEGRATE CONSERVATION OF SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES INTO THE PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM PROTECTION OF THESE RESOURCES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT WAS FURTHER DECLARED THAT PRESERVATION OF THESE NATURAL RESOURCES WOULD REDUCE FLOODING AND WATER IMPAIRMENT, ENHANCE WILDLIFE, PROTECT THE STATE'S TAX BASE AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF IOWA; 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,** IOWA'S CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP THROUGH THE LOCALLY-LED EFFORTS OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IS A FOCAL POINT FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CHALLENGES FACING LAND-USERS AND THE RESOURCES OF OUR STATE HAVE NEVER BEEN GREATER:

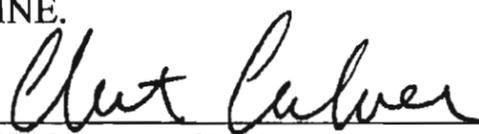
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 22-28, 2009, AS

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

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



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINE.



CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE