

A Proclamation

Honoring the U.S. Veterans of West Des Moines, Iowa

WHEREAS, a week each November is set aside as Veterans Awareness Week to respect and pay tribute to the men and women who have spent time in honored service of the United States of America, and;

WHEREAS, U.S. veterans answered a call to serve and protect, demonstrating enough courage and honor in that moment to last a lifetime, and;

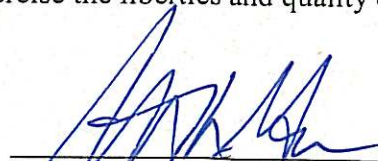
WHEREAS, the veteran's sacrifice is one that continues to inspire Americans and to set an example of valor, humility, and quiet bravery;

WHEREAS, U.S. veterans have worked tirelessly to support and defend the United States, charged with the extraordinary task of preserving an entire nation's freedom and integrity, and;

WHEREAS, U.S. veterans have faced great danger and hardship in pursuit of the freedom and security of our allied nations and the end of global tyranny, and;


WHEREAS, our debt to United States veterans cannot be repaid with simple words and gestures, but our appreciation can be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that on this 16th day of November, 2009, the West Des Moines City Council, staff and residents of the City of West Des Moines and the State of Iowa thank the U.S. veterans living in our City for your selfless service and contributions to freedom and peace around the world, and for choosing our community in which to exercise the liberties and quality of life that you helped secure for all of us.



Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jody E. Smith, City Clerk

