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**Executive Department**

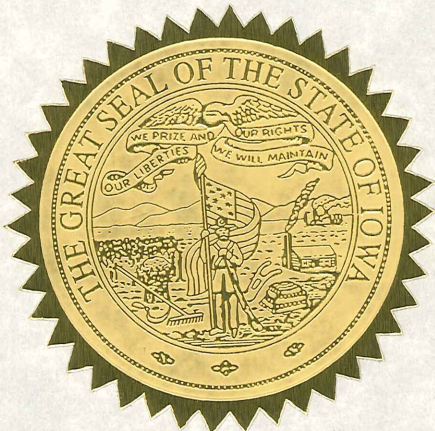
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA  
**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** ARSON FOR PROFIT IS A CRIMINAL METHOD OF OBTAINING MONEY FROM A FIRE LOSS POLICY. THE LOSSES FOR ARSON ARE STAGGERING; AND
- WHEREAS,** ARSON FOR PROFIT, OR ECONOMIC ARSON, IS WHEN BUSINESSES OR INDIVIDUALS SET FIRES TO REDUCE FINANCIAL LOSS, RECOUP INITIAL INVESTMENTS, OR DISPOSE OF DEPRECIATED ASSETS USUALLY FOR A PAYOUT FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE INSURANCE INFORMATION INSTITUTE REPORTS THAT ARSONISTS DESTROYED NEARLY \$900 MILLION IN INSURED PROPERTY AND KILLED 295 CIVILIANS NATIONWIDE IN 2007; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN 2005, THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) ESTIMATED THERE WERE 323,900 INTENTIONAL FIRES WHICH RESULTED IN 490 CIVILIAN FIRE DEATHS, 3 FIREFIGHTER ON DUTY DEATHS, 1,500 CIVILIAN FIRE INJURIES, 7,600 FIREFIGHTER ON DUTY INJURIES, AND \$1.102 BILLION IN DIRECT PROPERTY DAMAGE; AND
- WHEREAS,** PUBLIC AWARENESS IS ONE OF THE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION (USFA); AND
- WHEREAS,** REMOVING THE THREAT OF ARSON FROM HOMES AND BUSINESS IS A TOP PRIORITY OF IOWA FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION AGENCIES, THE IOWA CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS, THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, AND MANY ORGANIZATIONS BORN OUT OF THESE PROFESSIONS; AND
- WHEREAS,** SPECIAL RECOGNITION IS DUE THE THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN, BOTH VOLUNTEER AND CAREER IN IOWA FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THEY BE ACKNOWLEDGED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO DUTY AND PROFESSIONALISM IN APPREHENDING THOSE GUILTY OF THE CRIME OF ARSON:

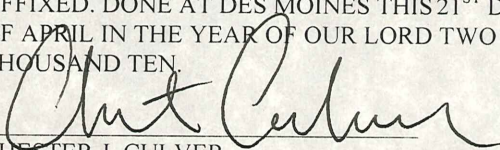
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 2-8, 2010, AS

**ARSON AWARENESS WEEK**


IN IOWA, AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES MADE BY THE PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO PROTECT IOWA FAMILIES AND PROPERTY FROM LOSS DUE TO THE VIOLENT AND SENSELESS CRIME OF ARSON, AND TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ALL FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THEIR DEDICATED AND TIRELESS SERVICE.



**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 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.

  
CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE