

State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** THE 48TH IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARED IT TO BE THE POLICY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO INTEGRATE THE CONSERVATION OF SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES INTO THE PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO INSURE THE LONG-TERM PROTECTION OF THE SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IOWA; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE LEGISLATURE FURTHER DECLARED ITS POLICY TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FARM MANAGEMENT AND AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CAPABILITY OF THE LAND TO SUSTAIN AGRICULTURE, AND THEREBY TO PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES, CONTROL FLOODS, PREVENT IMPAIRMENT OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS, ASSIST AND MAINTAIN THE NAVIGABILITY OF RIVERS AND HARBORS, PRESERVE WILDLIFE, PROTECT THE TAX BASE, PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE; AND
- WHEREAS,** SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS WERE CREATED AS A GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE TO CARRY OUT THIS POLICY; AND
- WHEREAS,** DISTRICTS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IOWA LANDUSERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA'S 500 ELECTED SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ITS CONSERVATION PARTNERS WILL GATHER FOR THEIR 60TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 15 AND 16; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 12-18, 2006, AS:

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WEEK

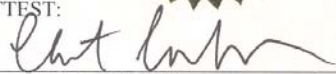
IN IOWA, AND TO BE CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT STATE AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER TIME, TALENT, AND LEADERSHIP TO PROTECTING OUR SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SIX.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE