

WHEREAS, CORN IS IOWA'S NUMBER ONE FIELD CROP, LEADING ALL OTHER STATES IN BOTH VOLUME AND VALUE; AND

WHEREAS, CORN HAS BEEN THE DOMINANT CROP IN IOWA FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, CORN IS USED IN MORE THAN 4,000 EVERYDAY FOOD, FEED, FUEL AND FIBER PRODUCTS; AND

WHEREAS, IOWA CORN IS FED TO LIVESTOCK AND IS ALSO EXPORTED TO FEED LIVESTOCK AROUND THE WORLD. ONE BUSHEL OF CORN PRODUCES 5.6 POUNDS OF RETAIL BEEF, 13 POUNDS OF RETAIL PORK, AND 32 POUNDS OF CHICKEN, AS WELL AS STARCH, OIL, SWEETENERS, AND ETHANOL; AND

WHEREAS, MANY CORN ETHANOL PLANTS NOW PRODUCE 3 GALLONS OF ETHANOL AND ABOUT 18 POUNDS OF ANIMAL FEED FROM EACH BUSHEL OF CORN. ADDITIONALLY, CORN ETHANOL FROM IOWA AND AMERICAN CORN GROWERS REDUCES OUR DEMAND FOR IMPORTED OIL BY NEARLY 128,000 BARRELS EACH DAY; AND

WHEREAS, IOWA CORN IS A REMARKABLE, RENEWABLE RESOURCE WHICH GENERATES JOBS AND OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR OUR STATE; AND

WHEREAS, FARMERS EXPORTED \$9 BILLION WORTH OF CORN LAST YEAR AND IOWA'S CORN CROP IS TYPICALLY OVER 2 BILLION BUSHEL OF CORN, CONTRIBUTING AN ESTIMATED \$8.3 BILLION TO THE STATE'S GROSS INCOME; AND

WHEREAS, IOWANS INVEST ABOUT \$435 MILLION ANNUALLY IN CONSERVATION PRACTICES TO KEEP THEIR FARMS PRODUCTIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2010, AS

CORN MONTH

IN IOWA.

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 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE