



City of Iowa City PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the International Criminal Court is a permanent court to try individuals accused of the most serious crimes to the international community, currently, genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, and is an independent, treaty based organization; and

Whereas, the International Criminal Court promotes national prosecutions first, and is a court of last resort, to act only when national judicial systems are either unable or not genuinely willing to act to investigate and prosecute these crimes; and

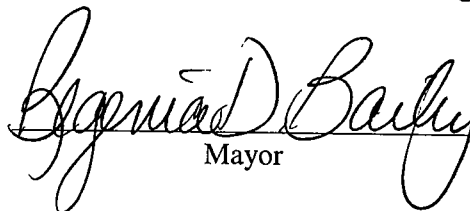
Whereas, instances of crimes against humanity and genocide continue to occur, and the International Criminal Court provides an alternative solution using the rule of law, and cases have already been referred to the International Criminal Court from places where the most serious of violations occur, including the Darfur region of Sudan; the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and the Central African Republic; and

Whereas, the more nations which are parties to the Criminal Court, the greater its effectiveness will be, and the date on which the nations of the world agreed to create the International Criminal Court is a date which deserves commemorations, and celebration as a step forward for accountability pursuant to the rule of law for those who are accused of these the most serious of crimes against the international community and against humanity.

Now, therefore, I, Regenia D. Bailey, Mayor of the City of Iowa City, Iowa, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2008 to be

International Justice Day

in Iowa City.



Regenia D. Bailey
Mayor

Signed in Iowa City, Iowa,
this 15th day of July, 2008

