

PROCLAMATION

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DAY 2014

WHEREAS, the profession of Family and Consumer Sciences had its beginning as home economics in 1899 when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the plight of families with regards to water quality, food safety and safety of home environments; and

WHEREAS, building on its strong foundation, Family and Consumer Sciences continues to use the family as its central focus, thereby expanding its content base to meet the ever evolving needs of that entity; and

WHEREAS, Family and consumer Sciences has a long and colorful history of utilizing its unique content areas of food and nutrition, human and child development, personal and family finance, family relations, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues to equip and empower individuals and families to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals promote families eating and preparing meals together as a way to build strong families and improve nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences professionals work in careers as diverse as secondary and higher education, Extension outreach, family and child agencies, consumer protection, retail/business and as entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the conditions impacting individuals and families today are at an all-time high when it comes to obesity, spousal and child abuse, inability to manage financial affairs and more, point to a heightened role for Family and Consumer Sciences; and

WHEREAS, policy makers and the public, in general need an awareness and understanding of the relevance of Family and Consumer Sciences in addressing many of the problems that are currently holding families hostage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Donna L. Olson, Mayor of the City of Stoughton, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 3, 2014 as Family & Consumer Sciences Day, in Stoughton Wisconsin and I urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned hereforth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY
HAND THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR
TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

Donna L. Olson
MAYOR, CITY OF STOUGHTON