



PROCLAMATION

April 2008 as Grange Month

The Grange: Moving Forward Since 1867

WHEREAS, the Grange has served America for the past 141 years by working in local communities as a grassroots based organization focused on elevating the aims and characters of its members; and

WHEREAS, from our inception in 1867 we have recognized the importance of the family and have made it one of the keystones of our fraternal Order by giving women full voting rights 53 years before the United States did and by granting equal standing to all members starting at age 14; and

WHEREAS, the Grange has changed the face of our communities and of our nation for the better in the past and continues today to be a strong force for innovation and positive action in each of the thousands of communities served by a local Grange; and

WHEREAS, the values and principles of the Grange remain valuable and relevant to Americans and Grange members continue to be empowered through our organization to work with all who strive to work for the betterment of our fellow beings; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that April 2008 is hereby proclaimed as Grange Month across our nation. All Grange members are encouraged to welcome new members into their Grange family and to proudly open the doors of their meeting places to all sharing our commitment of family, the need to improve ourselves, and the desire to improve the community in which we live.

Proclaimed this day by:

Edward L. Luttrell, President
The National Grange

Attest:

Henrietta Keller, Secretary
The National Grange