
State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

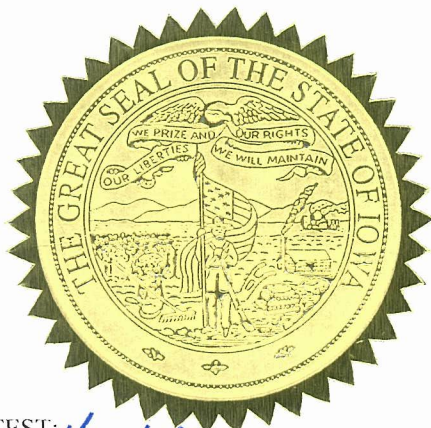
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Iowa has a very rich history of successfully identifying and achieving significant opportunities, dating from the State's becoming a part of the United States in 1803, with the Louisiana Purchase; American settlements starting in the early 1830's, with Dubuque as Iowa's oldest city, ~~in 1833~~, and Iowa receiving Statehood in 1846. Such landmark activities continue to this day; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa's history of individual and organizational achievement has become a part of our daily vocabulary and its success has fueled the economies of our Iowa cities, towns, and rural areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Iowa has enjoyed times of plenty and addressed challenging time through hard work and determination, creating an internationally recognized "Iowa Work Ethic"; and
- WHEREAS,** our State's motto "Our Liberties We Prize and Our Rights We Will Maintain" speaks to our enduring faith and right to be Iowans and our focus on the opportunities that present themselves and move us forward; and
- WHEREAS,** Opportunity Nation, a national bipartisan initiative, is working to build a national dialogue on opportunity as a core American value, that desperately needs to be injected into the public conversation; and that through commitment, intelligence, and partnership, Opportunity Nation believes we can reenergize this public value in American discourse as a vital national goal; and
- WHEREAS,** as Governor of the great State of Iowa, I recognize that the pursuit of "opportunity" is a core Iowa value, whether it be for an individual, family, agency, company or governmental agency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim February, 2012 as


OPPORTUNITY IN IOWA MONTH

AND ENCOURAGE IOWANS, AND ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, TO CONDUCT ONE OR MORE EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES WITH THE THEME OF "OPPORTUNITY IN IOWA".



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
26th DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE