



State

of Iowa

Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

the State of Iowa has a strong history rooted in a vibrant way of life and is blessed with fertile soil, beautiful countryside, and active rural downtowns, all of which sustain our people and attract visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS,

our rural communities and small towns are the backbone of Iowa's thriving economy and enlightened culture, exhibited by an enduring entrepreneurial spirit, proud lineage of leadership, and continued resiliency; and

WHEREAS,

local governments, state and federal agencies, educational and medical institutions, utilities, nonprofit service providers, and private business associations throughout the state are working collaboratively to confront a host of difficult challenges relating to changing economic conditions, a growing elderly population, access to quality health care and broadband connectivity, and the availability of an adequate housing and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS,

the Iowa Rural Development Council and the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative are facilitating effective rural development partnerships by bringing together government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private sector associations to collaboratively solve difficult economic and community development challenges and reduce programmatic impediments and regulatory barriers; and

WHEREAS,

the State of Iowa salutes all individuals, public entities and private organizations that work effectively year-around to preserve a cherished rural heritage and promote a good quality of life in our small and rural communities and for all the citizens of Iowa.

WHEREAS,

the continued success of the State of Iowa is dependent upon the overall health of Iowa's rural communities; and the designation of Rural Iowa Day will recognize the commitment of rural residents to their communities, reemphasize our state's appreciation of rural Iowa, and reaffirm our collective support by improving the quality of life across all communities in Iowa;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim August 19, 2020 as

RURAL IOWA DAY

in Iowa, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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 _____ DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE