


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, EMS, or other appropriate emergency response entities; and
- WHEREAS,** 9-1-1 dispatchers, in addition to emergency response personnel, play a vital role in keeping our communities and citizenry safe; and
- WHEREAS,** a large contingent of private vendors and wireless providers have worked tirelessly with public officials in the past five years to institute important upgrades to Iowa's 9-1-1 infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that policy makers at all levels of government understand the importance of 9-1-1, how the system works today, and what steps are needed to modernize the 9-1-1 system; and
- WHEREAS,** the 9-1-1 system is the connection between the public and emergency response entities, and the public is often the first to know of emergencies of all kinds, making 9-1-1 a significant homeland security asset; and
- WHEREAS,** the growth and variety of means of communications, including mobile and IP-based systems that allow Text-to-9-1-1, photo sharing, and telematics, imposes challenges for accessing and implementing 9-1-1 and requires increased education and awareness about new capabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** there is widespread misuse in the 9-1-1 system, including non-emergency calls, "prank" calls, and accidental calls by children, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources; and
- WHEREAS,** parents, teachers, and all other care givers need to play an active role in 9-1-1 education for children, but must also educate themselves:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 as

9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH

in Iowa, and urge all Iowans to take due notice of this occasion, and to give appropriate attention to the education of all Iowans on the proper use and importance of the 9-1-1 system.



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 *25th*
DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.

Terry E. Branstad
TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

Paul D. Pate
PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE