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, 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, impose challenges for accessing 9-1-1 and implementing enhanced 9-1-1 and require increased education and awareness about their capabilities; and

WHEREAS, a growing segment of the population, including the deaf, hard of hearing and those with speech disabilities are increasingly communicating with non-traditional text, video and instant messaging communications services and expect these services to be able to connect directly to 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread misuse in the 9-1-1 system, including non-emergency calls, 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, 2015 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 DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE