
State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

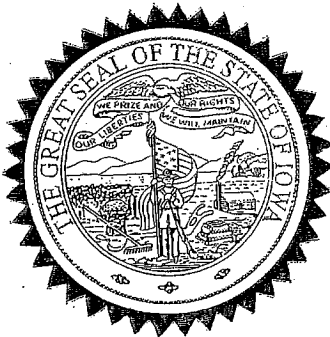
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF IOWA HAS A LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF UPHOLDING THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, SUPPORTING LEGAL EQUALITY AND FAIR TREATMENT FOR ALL CITIZENS, AND ENSURING THAT ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE AND VIOLENCE TOWARD ANY SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CULVER/JUDGE ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING ONE IOWA, WITH AN UNLIMITED FUTURE FOR EVERYONE, AND THAT WORK INVOLVES EVERY IOWAN, REGARDLESS OF RACE, AGE, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING AN ENVIRONMENT OF INCLUSIVENESS IN WHICH IOWANS OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS MAY THRIVE IN SAFE COMMUNITIES AND WORKPLACES; AND
- WHEREAS,** BUILDING IOWA'S FUTURE REQUIRES THE TALENTS AND SKILLS OF ALL IOWANS, AND THE DIVERSITY OF IOWA'S CITIZENS, INCLUDING TRANSGENDER PEOPLE, CONTRIBUTES TO OUR STATE'S RICH CULTURE AND PROSPERITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE HONORS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY HOMICIDE, OR SUICIDE, BY THE HAND OF IGNORANCE AND PREJUDICE, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PURSUE THE AMERICAN DREAM AND EQUALITY:


NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 20, 2009, AS

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

IN IOWA, AND URGE ALL IOWANS TO WORK TOWARD ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION ON ALL LEVELS AND TO PROMOTE TOLERANCE.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINE.



CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE