

# A CALL TO PRAYER FOR IOWA

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WITH CLEAR VISION AND THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL RE-AFFIRMATION OF "IN GOD WE TRUST" AS OUR NATIONAL MOTTO, IT BECOMES MORE EVIDENT HOW IMPORTANT PRAYER IS TO THIS COUNTRY AND TO IOWANS. AS SUCH, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE PREAMBLE OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, WHICH CLEARLY ADVOCATES A FAITH-BASED COMMITMENT BY STATING:

*"We the people of the state of Iowa, grateful to the Supreme Being for the blessings hitherto enjoyed, and feeling our dependence on Him for a continuation of those blessings, do ordain and establish a free and independent government, by the name of the State of Iowa."*

AS A STATE WITH A LEGACY THAT DESIRES TO HUMBLY LEAD WHERE ABLE—SYMBOLIC OF OUR DIVERSE CULTURE, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, STRONG FAMILY TRADITIONS, AND RECOGNITION FOR HOLDING THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS EVERY FOUR YEARS—IOWA CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE A STEADFAST REGARD FOR INDEPENDENCE, THE FREE EXPRESSION OF FAITH, AND A STRONG CHRISTIAN ETHIC.

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**W**ITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES AS OF THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 2013.

Lt. Governor Ken Reynolds	Mark Johnson	Megan Hess
Senator Willie C. Dickerson	Phyris Thorne	Abdul Samad
Senator Joni K. Amst	DeWane A. Alous	Dean E. Fiske
Senator Nancy Goettzer	Rep. Robert Bacon	Sandy Salmon
Senator Ry Smiechowski	Mark Costello	Cecil Dolecheck
Dr. Joe M. Serra	John R. Gordon	Nancy Dunkel
Senator Dennis Guth	David E. Maxwell	Mark A. Berg
Jack Whelan	David E. Patterson	Debbie Hester
Mark J. G. ...	Greg Heartsill	Chuck A. ...
Senator Amy Saelan	Jaron Schultz	David D. Kelley
Keith ...	Rep. Dave Dawson	Walt Rogers
	La. Thee	Reithorn ...
		Mark E. ...



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*Pinda Amerew  
Majority Leader*  
*Greg M. Paul*  
*Kevin Witt*  
*John Forbes*  
*Tom W. Shaw*  
*Henry Rayher*  
*Thomas R. Sands*  
*Daniel A. Huseman*  
*Mark A. Hildrich*

*Reynolds*  
GOVERNOR



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Rebecca Housberg  
Sophia Horton

Katie Seif

Julie Kiefer

Kare Ellwanger

Marlene Martens

Jane Hughes

Jeff Hagedorn

Ryn McKelvey

Alan M. ...

Melvin K. Munken

Sara Maaske

Guy Crawford

Jill ...

David ...

Bonnie ...

Chris Hesselton

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Jay Yergens ...

Jennie ...

Marcia Hansen

Teggy Smith

Helen Kessler

Mac Smith

Mary ...

Michelle Richer

Mario A. Lara

Raffodil S. Miller

Norman L. Pawlewski

Bredley Fisher

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Ann ...

Jane ...

Jane Simonsen

Terri Davis

Barlene Fanner

Mary ...

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Jann ...

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Abram ...

John R. Meister

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H. David Boettger

Nelson S. ...

Charles K. ...

David C. ...

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Helen DeVos

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Danny ...

Denise ...

Kris ...

Jackie ...

Michael A. ...

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Star ...

Sandy ...

Craig ...

Belinda ...

David ...

Lynnda ...

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Rebekah Mendenhall

Amy Crawford

Alan Crawford



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Laura Morgan  
 Ernie Allison  
 RD Betman  
 Ma Page  
 Julie Crawford  
 Clarice Alons  
 Margaret Guth  
 Kim Hiscop  
 John Siffers  
 Dillon A Brant  
 Daniel S. McNeil  
~~Dea D. Burt~~  
 Wina  
~~Alfred Madsen~~  
 Ruth Teppert  
 Heidi S. Assmus  
 Tom Roberts  
 Quinzel Cunningham  
 Diana Farley  
 Jannette Scott  
 David V. Drott  
 Don Sliva  
 Erin Gibson

Laura Redfern  
 Bice Anderson  
~~John~~  
 Martha Chandle  
 judymham  
 Steven Wal  
 Terri Goodman  
 Madison Huntley  
 Joyce Lutz  
 Aleta Bagley  
 Ronald J. Cole  
 Meyer  
 John Dan Herder  
 Suanne B. Ring  
 Michael A  
~~Shirley~~  
~~Michelle~~  
 Chad R. Owen  
 Todd Threlkeld  
 Kimberly White  
 Liddy  
 Wilma Steura  
 Jani Shon

Lauren Kieffer  
~~John~~  
 Dale K. Monke  
 Eaja DeMeunaine  
 Jim McEwan  
 Jeff Cole  
 Vicki Stogdill  
 Rev Anthony Rogers Sr.  
 Dinah E Rogers  
 Christopher Ben Barr  
 Barbara J Miller  
 Dea Dauvoort  
 John E. Mufel  
 Jane Feck  
 Bryan A. Merg  
 Doreen Egan  
 James E. Cotner  
 Debra Cotner  
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 Johnny Wauke  
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Julie Crawford  
#IOWA5KIP

Miss & Mom

Crystal Gentry

Barbara

Jacob D. Jones

Keri Pruitt

David A. Chandler

David J.

Kenneth Roth

Larry Hadley

Reggie Miller

LeAnn Miller

Barbara Johnson

St. J.

Megan K. Conley

Stephanie Saggner

Subbie Christ

John L. Miller

Gerald E. Knock

Adam Larson

Elizabeth Larson

Mark D. Sommer

Marty Clank

Laura Baker

Clad Bak

Denny Caligaris