


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Keeping the homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities of Iowa safe is of the utmost importance to all of the residents of our state; and
- WHEREAS,** The presence of crime in our communities spreads fear and destroys trust and faith in others, threatening our lives, liberty, and general welfare; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the responsibility of all of us, from all ages and all walks of life, to work together with law enforcement to keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe from crime, in order to make life enjoyable for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Effective crime prevention programs excel because of partnerships among law enforcement, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals who work together towards the common goal of increasing public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** Neighborhood Watch has brought countless communities together, inspiring members, bridging divides, and strengthening bonds through a willingness of neighbors to help each other build a better community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Neighborhood Watch Program makes it possible for neighbors to help their neighbors and to strengthen the partnership between law enforcement and the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Neighborhood Watch encourages individual groups to work directly with local law enforcement agencies to report suspicious activities and be the “eyes and ears,” never intervening in a law enforcement duty; and
- WHEREAS,** Neighborhood Watch, along with Crime Watch, Business Watch, and other programs, is a time-honored tradition with over 25,000 programs, 7,000 law enforcement agencies, and 2.5 million participants throughout the United States; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the importance of

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH


And similar programs in Iowa to improve their quality of life and maintain their commitment to promote and support crime prevention initiatives and strongly encourage participation in these groups.



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 10th DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWELVE


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE