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Executive Department

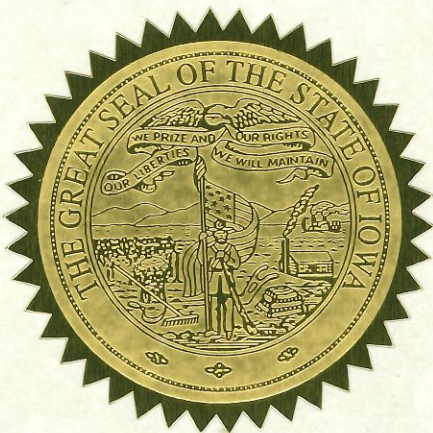
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

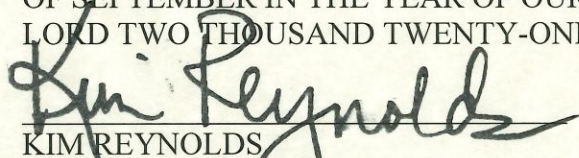
- WHEREAS,** Iowa's varied and complex prairie ecosystems built the deep, rich, world-famous soil on which Iowa agriculture depends; and
- WHEREAS,** More than four-fifths of Iowa was once covered by prairie of which only a tiny fraction remains; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa's surviving original prairies are uniquely and irreplaceably precious as sites of beauty, recreation, biodiversity and research; and
- WHEREAS,** interest in the restoration and reconstruction of Iowa prairies is rapidly growing in Iowa and is providing new environmental, recreational and economic opportunities for Iowans working on public and private lands; and
- WHEREAS,** Iowa's prairies and prairie species continue to demonstrate their special abilities to protect topsoil, cleanse water, store carbon and provide wildlife habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** researchers are just beginning to understand and unlock the enormous potential value of prairie ecosystems and species for making Iowa farms and cities more sustainable:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of The State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of September 12-18, 2021, as

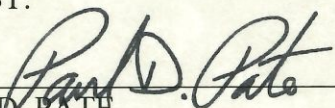
IOWA PRAIRIE HERITAGE WEEK



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME
AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED.
DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 9th DAY
OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE