

  
**Executive Department**  
**of Iowa**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Iowans of Muslim faith embrace the noble spirit of the Hawkeye State and strive to promote the moral and spiritual aspirations that represent the American character; and

**WHEREAS,** The motto of the great state of Iowa "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain," inspires Americans of Muslim faith, in our community, to articulate the responsibilities of patriotism, and encourages participation in the duties of citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** Each Muslim-American who adheres to the teachings of Islam and is living in an American society will exhibit acts of compassion and charity in the name of the beneficent, the merciful; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the ages, those who have faith and do righteous deeds in the mutual teaching of truth, patience, and constancy, experience greater happiness and are better equipped to promote a peaceful existence for all people; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans of Muslim faith in Iowa continue to install health and vitality in the educational, cultural, economic, and civic development of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Iowa recognizes the many individuals and families of Muslim faith who have chosen our community as their home, and willingly share their rich tradition and culture with us:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2014, as**

**MUSLIM RECOGNITION DAY**

IN IOWA

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 7th  
DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA



ATTEST:



MATT SCHULTZ  
SECRETARY OF STATE