

State of Iowa  
Executive Department

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

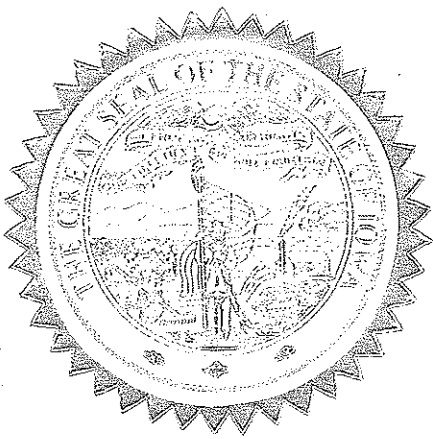
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** THE MOST RECENT COUNTS SHOW THAT IN THE PAST YEAR MORE THAN 17,000 IOWANS HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS AND MORE THAN HALF ARE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN; AND
- WHEREAS,** HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER IS A DEVASTATING EXPERIENCE CAUSING DISRUPTION IN FAMILIES AND LOSS OF HOME AND PERSONAL DIGNITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** MORE THAN 200 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES COMPASSIONATELY RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE EXPERIENCING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS WITH FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER, SERVICES AND PERMANENT HOUSING; AND
- WHEREAS,** NO IOWAN SHOULD BE STIGMATIZED, DISCRIMINATED AGAINST OR ISOLATED BECAUSE THEY ARE HUNGRY OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; AND
- WHEREAS,** IOWA JOINS MORE THAN 500 COMMUNITIES AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES IN OBSERVING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15-21, 2009, AS HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 15-21, 2009, AS

**HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

IN IOWA, AND I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN THE IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS IN RECOGNIZING THE SEVERE DEVASTATION FACED BY PERSONS EXPERIENCING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY AND ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.



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 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER IN  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND  
NINE

CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE