


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** all Scripture is essential to prepare us to be the people God wants us to be and to accomplish the purpose for which he created us; and
- WHEREAS,** America, being founded upon biblical principles and Judeo-Christian ethics, as taught in the Bible, paid tribute to the Bible for its important influence upon the development of our Nation by many of our great national leaders such as Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, Wilson; and
- WHEREAS,** President Andrew Jackson called the Bible "the Book on which this Republic rests" and President Abraham Lincoln called the Bible "the best gift God has given to man"; and
- WHEREAS,** Elias Boudinot, Founding Father, President of the Continental Congress and first President of the American Bible Society, acknowledged the Bible as "the Alpha and Omega of knowledge" – the beginning and the end of useful information in every area and called it the most valuable book in the world, the most instructive both to the wise and ignorant; and
- WHEREAS,** President Ronald Reagan said, "Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bible is recognized as the one true revelation from God, showing the way of Salvation, Truth, and Life, and enriching the daily lives of millions of men and women who through the ages of the Bible was removed from our schools; and
- WHEREAS,** lawmakers, law enforcement, social scientists, civic and church leaders are searching for solutions to the critical problems facing our nation, such as the drug crisis, violence, and social injustice, all of which can be found within God's revealed will for mankind; and
- WHEREAS,** regular Bible reading renews the mind of men, thus transforming the life of the individual which ultimately affects the lives of those in the family, the local community, the state, and the Nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby encourage all Iowans to join in this historical Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon to take place June 30th through July 3rd, 2016, in front of all 99 courthouses and furthermore, encourage individuals and families in Iowa to read through the Bible on a daily basis each year until the Lord comes.



ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 16th DAY OF APRIL IN
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO
THOUSAND SIXTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA