



# State of Iowa

## Executive Department

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

### PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS**, our nation and world are suffering from a pandemic which has profoundly affected the well-being and livelihoods of millions of Americans; and
- WHEREAS**, this health emergency has created fear and anxiety in the minds of thousands of fellow Iowans during this uncertain-time; and
- WHEREAS**, our nation's motto is "In God We Trust", with America being founded upon Biblical Judeo-Christian principles and values; and
- WHEREAS**, God's word teaches us to "Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying"; and
- WHEREAS**, throughout our history Iowans have found peace, strength, and unity through prayer to God in humbly asking for His strength during times of difficulty; and
- WHEREAS**, prayer provides peace that surpasses all understanding and wisdom in times of crisis and conflict, turning us to God for His comfort and blessed assurance; and
- WHEREAS**, God's unconditional love by sending His Son, Jesus, to be Savior of the world is remembered and celebrated by Christians during Holy Week of Easter each year:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020 as a

### DAY OF PRAYER

in the State of Iowa and encourage all Iowans to unite in prayer and ask God to comfort and bless all severely impacted; to protect medical care workers, first responders and all who are serving during this crisis; to grant wisdom, courage and strength to our local, state and national leaders; and give us all the hands and hearts to be generous with our time, skills, and resources to serve our neighbors within and alongside the many churches, non-profits, businesses, and other organizations providing relief.

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 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL IN  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND  
TWENTY



KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

