

State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, THE FOUNDERS OF OUR NATION TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO PROTECT CITIZENS FROM THE ABUSE OF GOVERNMENTAL POWER BY ENACTING THE BILL OF RIGHTS, PROMISING FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND THE RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS; AND
- WHEREAS, THE FOUNDERS OF OUR NATION BELIEVED, AS WE DO, THAT ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE RIGHT TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH OTHERS WITHOUT FEAR OF REPRISAL IS ESSENTIAL FOR A FREE SOCIETY TO PROSPER; AND
- WHEREAS, EVEN TODAY, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES ARE PUT IN DANGER TO PROTECT THESE FREEDOMS; AND
- WHEREAS, THE TERROR-RIDDEN AND DESPOTIC REGIMES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE SHOWN THAT DEMOCRACY CANNOT FLOURISH WHEN THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW IS COMPROMISED; AND
- WHEREAS, PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS MADE TRANSPARENCY A FEDERAL PRIORITY, DECLARING THAT "OPENNESS WILL STRENGTHEN OUR DEMOCRACY AND PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN GOVERNMENT"; AND
- WHEREAS, JOURNALISM ORGANIZATIONS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS CELEBRATE "SUNSHINE WEEK" IN MARCH TO EDUCATE ALL AMERICANS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING OUR CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED FREEDOM OF THE PRESS:

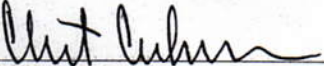
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 15 - 21, 2009, AS

SUNSHINE WEEK

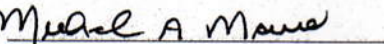
IN IOWA.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINE.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE