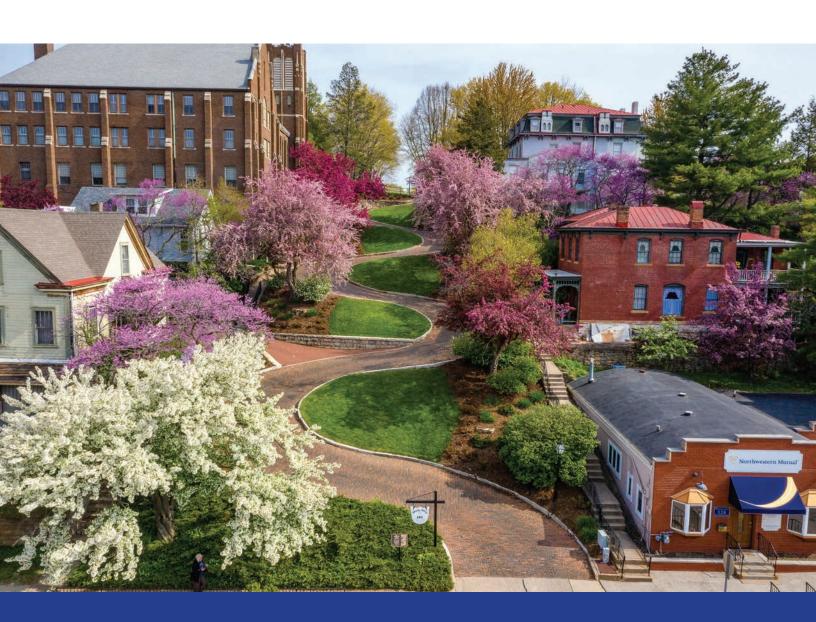


KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE



2021 Annual Report

## A Message From

# **Keep Iowa Beautiful Leadership**

Twenty-one years ago, former Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray and Casey's founder and retired chairmen Donald F. Lamberti worked together to create Keep Iowa Beautiful. Their common goals were built on a love of the State of Iowa. They knew that programs that support community pride and volunteerism would help build stronger communities by improving cultural vitality and economic success.

Despite the challenges that 2021 posed, KIB is proud to share that, with your support, it has been a year of action and accomplishment. We mobilized residents, government, and business leaders across Iowa to work together to help Iowa communities inspire hometown pride, prevent litter, and beatify communities. As detailed in this report, the Keep Iowa Beautiful programs and Hometown Pride communities met the challenges of 2021 head on.

As always, we are thankful for your strong support and commitment to keeping the state of lowa beautiful.

Kevin Techau Executive Director

Mr nitection

Bill Jackson
Associate Director





#### **Board of Directors**

Reo Menning, Board Chair, Des Moines

Mike Richardson, Board Vice-Chair, Pleasant Hill

Scott Smith, Board Secretary, Boone

Doug Shull, Board Treasurer, Indianola

Donald F. Lamberti, Co-Founder, Ankeny

Jeff Badger, Clear Lake
Anthony Colosimo, Des Moines
Steve Falck, Des Moines

Tom Hanafan, Council Bluffs

Geri Huser, Altoona

Megan Jones, Sioux Rapids

Nate Westre, Stuart

Mark Wiskus, Pella

#### **Staff and Consultants**

Kevin Techau, Executive Director, Cedar Rapids

Bill Jackson, Associate Director, Ankeny

Tim Lane, Program Planner, Des Moines

SPPG + Essman Research, Staff and Program Support

#### **Contact Us**

info@keepiowabeautiful.org 2910 Westown Parkway, Suite 302 West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 www.keepiowabeautiful.org

## **Stay Connected**

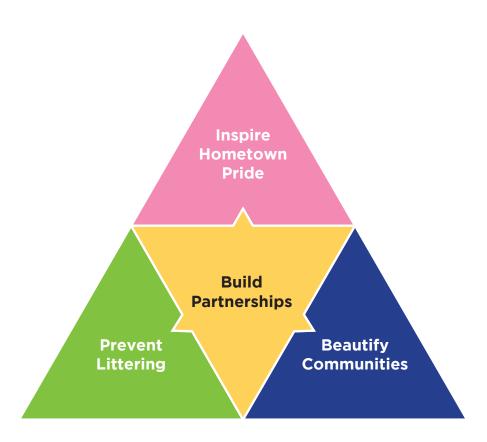


@KeeplowaBeautifu



@KeeplowaBeautifu

# **A Snapshot**



Started in 2000 by former Governor Robert D. Ray and Casey's General Store Founder Donald F. Lamberti, the organization has grown to include communities across lowa that dedicate thousands of volunteer hours each year to help support the longstanding mission of Keep Iowa Beautiful:



Empowering lowans to bring cultural and economic vitality into communities through improvement and enhancement programs.

Keep Iowa Beautiful inspires Hometown Pride. Our programs enhance community cultural and economic vitality. Keep Iowa Beautiful programs have strengthened communities in every corner of Iowa. The Paint Iowa Beautiful and Pick-up Iowa programs have long focused on Iowa's natural beauty and the unique culture of Iowa that makes it a great place to live, work and raise a family. To help Iowa's communities address the large and small issues that impact sustainability, Keep Iowa Beautiful developed the Hometown Pride program that has successfully operated in sixty-six Iowa communities bringing stability and empowerment through successful coaching assistance.



Financing and resources to enhance and improve lowa's communities



Educational opportunities to share information and cultivate sustainable lifestyles



Volunteer efforts to ensure the beauty of lowa is maintained

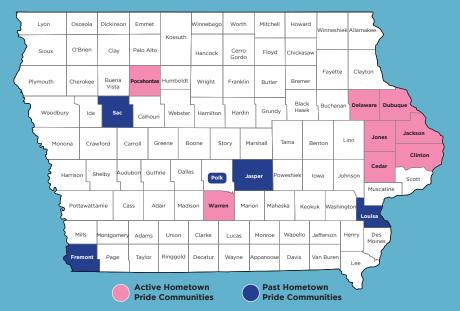


Scholarships and awards to encourage growth and knowledge in relevant fields

# **Hometown Pride**

#### What is Hometown Pride?

Bottom Line: It's a program that brings community members together to improve their hometown. The program is built on a community coaching model implemented in rural communities across Iowa. The coaching model provides technical and financial source assistance, through trained coaches, to local residents, city councils, city clerks and managers to enhance and support the plans and visions for the cultural and economic future of the community. The Hometown Pride program builds a sense of pride and respect along with a commitment to vitality and action.



- "The Hometown Pride program has a proven record of helping to create a new community vision and enabling residents to implement the vision by re-invigorating civic pride."
- Jeff Davidson, Executive Director, Jasper County Economic Development, former Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride Community Coach for Jasper County
- "Hometown Pride has produced numerous projects in each of our communities, encouraged community involvement and pride, brought in hundreds of thousands in grant monies. It's had a huge impact on our small towns."
- Tom Grau, Pocahontas Development Director

## **Meet the Hometown Pride Community Coaches**



Francis O.
Boggus
Clinton
County



Warren
County



Grant Wood Mississippi River Region (GWMRR)

Dan Fox



Grant Wood Mississippi River Region (GWMRR)

**David Heiar** 





Margo
Underwood
Pocahontas
County



Jennifer
Walker
Cedar and
Delaware
County

# **Hometown Pride**

This year, Hometown Pride community volunteers, coaches, and local officials continued to work together to bring positive change and improve the places they live, work, and play! Check out these 2021 highlights from Keep Iowa Beautiful's Hometown Pride communities:



# Rolfe ADA Accessible Sidewalk Pocahontas County Hometown Pride

Rolfe Hometown Pride members celebrated the completion of a new ADA accessible cement sidewalk and gathering area recently at the Farmer's Market in heritage Park. This project was funded in part with a Pocahontas County Foundation grant award. Community volunteers provided labor to finish the project.



# **#WanderWarrenCounty Summer Bingo** *Pocahontas County Hometown Pride*

Warren County Hometown Pride partnered with Warren County tourism to bring #WanderWarrenCounty Summer Bingo to life and inspire residents to go out and explore their communities! The interactive, virtual bingo game featured 25 unique activities and ways to engage with the community throughout the summer months with prizes for participants that scored a bingo on their cards!



# New Virginia Celebration Mural Warren County Hometown Pride

New Virginia residents are enjoying a fresh, new splash of color in the town thanks to the completion of the Celebration Mural in May! Local artist, Ally Frame was selected out of seven entries to design and create the mural for the community.



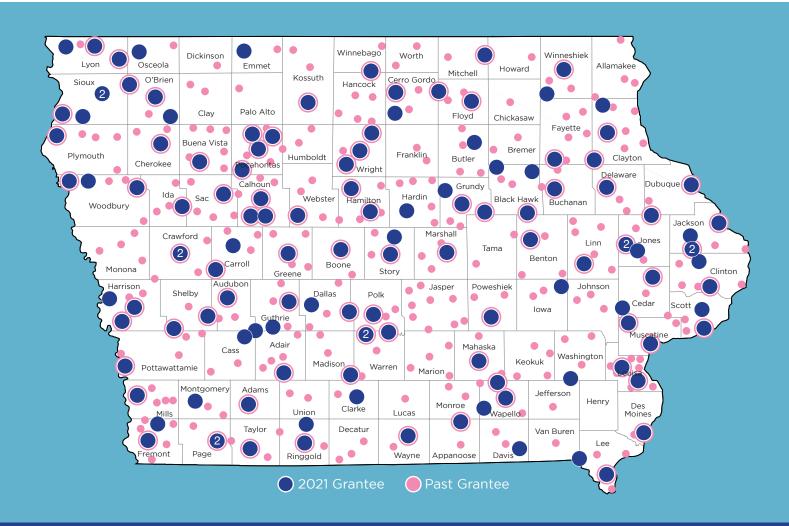
# Clinton County Walk of Fame Clinton County Hometown Pride

The City of Clinton Hometown Pride Committee announces the ribboncutting for the first public display of plaques for the Clinton County Walk of Fame Honorees for 2021. The Clinton County Walk of Fame exhibit traveled to various sites throughout Clinton County to give residents a chance to check it out at convenient locations!

# **Paint Iowa Beautiful**

Keep Iowa Beautiful and Diamond Vogel Paint Company celebrated their 19-year partnership in 2021 by awarding Paint Iowa Beautiful Grants to 132 community projects statewide!

The Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant provides free paint to public service projects in Iowa aimed at enhancing the beauty and vitality of the community. The projects awarded the grant in 2021 were diverse – including murals, shelters, historical buildings, trail signs, and even a historic train depot! A full list of 2021 Paint Iowa Beautiful Grantees can be found in the Appendix.



In the 19-year partnership with Keep Iowa Beautiful, Diamond Vogel has awarded:



to > 1,132
community projects
in lowa



# **Paint Iowa Beautiful**

A fresh coat of paint can serve as an attraction to visitors and add a splash of color for a community. Below are a few of the many community improvements made possible by the Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant in 2021:



## **Audobon Wings Mural**

Audubon residents are enjoying their brand new mural that was completed in June! The "Audubon Wings" Mural (pictured) was made possible with generous contributions by Jodi, artist/owner at OM MY GOD Tattoo, Keep Iowa Beautiful and Diamond Vogel's Paint Iowa Beautiful grant, Lori's Flowers, and other local donations.



## **Mahaska YMCA**

Thanks to the Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant Program, community volunteers gave the Mahaska County YMCA a much-needed makeover! Volunteers were able to stain the entire exterior of the summer camp cabin shelter so that they can continue to serve the community by offering a fun and enriching summer program for elementary aged students in the area. The YMCA partnered with Central College's Day of Service and had students come to the site and complete the painting.



## **Lincoln Highway Crosswalks in Clinton**

The Lincoln Highway Logo crosswalks in downtown Clarence were spruced up for the 2021 summer season! Clarence Main Street was the recipient of a Paint Iowa Beautiful grant, which provided the paint for the project. Volunteers from Clarence Main Street Design Committee made this project a reality in an effort to identify with its heritage as a throughway on the Lincoln Highway system and improve walkability in downtown Clarence.

# **Pick-Up Iowa**

Pick-Up Iowa is an effort on behalf of Keep Iowa Beautiful in coordination with the Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, which takes place annually in an estimated 20,000 communities nationwide. Community organizations, clubs, and groups across the state, equipped with supplies from Keep Iowa Beautiful, participate in this annual mass litter pick-up event.





64

pick-up events across lowa



7,200

total volunteer hours



5,400

total trash bags of litter and debris collected

# **Scholarships**

"Keep Iowa Beautiful seeks to foster positive values in younger generations...
We encourage respect for home, neighborhood, community, and state."

- Kevin Techau, Keep Iowa Beautiful Executive Director

This year, Keep Iowa Beautiful awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to Iowa high school seniors who planned to enroll in an Iowa college or university. The scholarships are named in honor of three pioneers in Keep Iowa Beautiful's 21-year history:



**Alexia Corwin**Des Moines, IA

**Attending:** Grinnell College **Awarded:** Byers Environmental Scholarship

Bob Byers, lifelong educator and dedicated public servant, began Keep Iowa Beautiful's Litter-Free School Campus program in Northwest Iowa. Byers was a driving force in encouraging young people to help improve their community.

students awarded



Maya Ziegenhorn Letts, IA

**Attending:** Iowa State University **Awarded:** Fultz Communication Scholarship

William Fultz, founding Keep lowa Beautiful Board Member and artist, started an advertising agency that became the largest agricultural advertising agency in the world.



**Monica Lewandowski** Urbandale

**Attending:** University of Northern Iowa **Awarded:** Schnepf Community Service Scholarship

Gerald Schnepf, Keep Iowa Beautiful founding Executive Director, spent 50 years working to make Iowa a better place to live.

Since Keep Iowa Beautiful's founding:

\$51,000 in scholarhips

## **Awards**

Every year, Keep Iowa Beautiful recognizes individuals, businesses, communities, and organizations that have made outstanding efforts to improve Iowa's communities.

#### **Donald F. Lamberti Hometown Pride Vision Award**

Recognizes an individual who exhibits leadership qualities in the areas of community improvement and enhancement and embodies a passion and pride for their community.

2021 Recipient: Doug Friedli



## **Robert D. Ray Community Award for Excellence**

Awarded to a town or city that has made outstanding efforts to enhance the beauty, cleanliness, and attractiveness of the community.

2021 Recipient: Community of Lost Nation



## **Corporate Award for Excellence**

Presented to a corporation or business that makes a significant difference in enhancing the quality of life in lowa's communities.

2021 Recipient: CAN SHED-Recycling Center



## **Organization Award for Excellence**

Recognizes an outstanding local or statewide organization that assists communities with planning and implementation of programs that enhance the quality of life in lowa.

**2021 Recipient: Pocahontas County Foundation** 



## **Keep Iowa Beautiful Proclamation**

On April 1st, 2021, Governor Kim Reynolds signed a proclamation declaring April as Keep Iowa Beautiful Month, maintaining the state's commitment to improving the cultural and economic vitality of Iowa communities. Honoring these efforts through the Governor's proclamation helps build a stronger state, but individual Iowans can also play an effective role in living out this proclamation. Pick up litter when you see it, organize a volunteer clean-up group to tackle unsightly areas of your community, be a beautification advocate and work with your city officials and organizations to find grants that fund improvement projects. Big or small, you can proclaim your love for Iowa! To view the full proclamation from the Governor's office, see the appendix appendix.

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Contest

Keep Iowa Beautiful's Annual Photography Contest is aimed at raising awareness of Iowa's beauty - rural, urban, and everywhere in between. The contest offers both amateur and experienced photographers an opportunity to tell Iowa's story in a fun, engaging way.

Keep Iowa Beautiful's photography contest once again featured five unique categories and over \$2,000 in cash prizes.

#### **Contest First Place Winners**



## **Iowa Cities**

## Sharon Scarff

Wayland, IA

"Snake Alley in Bloom"



## **Iowa Landscapes**

#### Wilford Yoder

Iowa Cities, IA

"Cutting & Stacking Oat Bundles"



## 12th Annual Photography Contest



## **Iowa Water**

## **Scott Hoag** DeWitt, IA

"Port of Dubuque"



Robert D. Ray Best of Show Award



### **Iowa Wildlife**

## William Beardsley

Estherville, IA

"Take-Off"



## **lowans in Action**

## **William Beardsley**

Estherville, IA

"Okoboji Regatta"

## **Karras Carts 2021**

In April 2021, cycling enthusiasts gathered at Waterworks Park in Des Moines to dedicate the Founders Statue of John Karras & Donald Kaul, the founders of RAGBRAI. Additionally, to honor John Karras, his fiends presented him with a prototype for the first "Karras Cart". The Karras Cart is a utility trailer that can be attached to the hub of a bicycle's rear axle for the easy pick-up and disposal of litter and debris along lowa bike trails. The carts can haul supplies, drinking water, filled trash bags, serve one lone volunteer or a crew of twenty. With a grabber, a rider can grab and go without dismounting. Since the public introduction last spring, the growing fleet of Karras Cart have been used along Cedar Valley trails in Blackhawk County, along roadsides in Des Moines, and on the Raccoon Trail in Dallas County. Keep lowa Beautiful is looking to expand the Karras Cart fleet in 2022 and make the carts available for bike trail clean-up across lowa.













# **Partnerships**

#### **No Litter Hotline**

Partnering with the Iowa State Patrol, Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies Association and Iowa Police Chiefs Association, the Keep Iowa Beautiful No Litter Hotline allows travelers to report littering from a vehicle. When the act of littering occurs, a witness may call the No Litter Hotline to report the offense by providing as much detail about the incident as possible. The lowa State Patrol will deliver a warning letter to reported offenders and send a message that littering is not acceptable in the State of Iowa.



## **Derelict Building Grant**





tons of material diverted



saved in landfill disposal costs

## **Build With Bags**

The lowa Grocery Industry Association's Build with Bags program awards grants to purchase picnic tables, park benches, planters, and playground equipment made of recycled plastic bags. Approximately 10,600 plastic bags are used to make one park bench and more than 20,000 are used to make a picnic table. In 10 years, the Build with Bags grant program has donated \$365.594 to more than 250 communities across the state of lowa and kept hundreds of thousands of plastic bags out of landfills.







communities benefited

## **Keep Iowa Beautiful Member Communities**

Manning

Afton Delhi Maquoketa Stanton Albion Des Moines Masonville Stanwood Earlville Mechanicville Strawberry Point Alleman Andrew Edgewood Monroe Tabor Monticello **Tipton** Asbury **Emmetsburg** Fruitland Mount Pleasant Villisca Auburn Gowrie Moville Walcott Badger Bedford Greely **New Hampton** Wellman Bellevue Grinnell Norwalk Wellsburg Bloomfield **Guthrie Center** Osage West Branch Harlan West Burlington Carson Polk City Central City Holstein Preston West Des Moines Cherokee Independence Primahar West Union Clinton Leon Remsen Winterset Colesburg Rock Valley Woodward Lisbon Conrad Manchester Sheffield

Sidney

Postville

#### **Pick-Up Iowa Events**

Dayton

Clarinda

**PRESTON** Adair Cumming Indianola Adel Sheffield Dayton Iowa City Afton Decorah Lansing Shelby Ames Dedham Lisbon Sheldon Ankeny Des Moines Manning Stanton **Asbury** Donnellson Maquoketa Story County Bloomfield McGregor Dubuque Varina Burlington Earlham Monticello West Des Moines Carlisle Ellston Nashua West Point Carson Ellsworth New Market West Union Cedar Falls Wilton **Emmetsburg** Ottumwa Center Junction Estherville Peosta Woodbine Fruitland Clarence Pocahontas

#### **Paint Iowa Beautiful 2021 Grantees**

Hopkinton

CITY	ORGANIZATION
Adair	City of Adair
Akron	City of Akron
Algona	Algona Public Library
Amana	Amana Historical Sites Foundation
Anamosa	Anamosa Parks and Recreation
Anamosa	Hometown Pride
Anita	Iowa Department of Natural Resources-Lake Anita State Park
Arthur	Arthur Community Center
Audubon	Audubon County Tourism

#### **Paint Iowa Beautiful 2021 Grantees** (continued)

CITY	ORGANIZATION
Bedford	Tinker Tots Preschool
Bellevue	Friends of Bellevue State Park, Inc.
Belmond	Build a Better Belmond
Blakesburg	Friends of The Blakesburg Public Library
Boone	City of Boone
Brighton	Brighton First Church of God
Burlington	Art Center of Burlington
Carlisle	Carlisle Public Library
Carroll	Carroll County 4-H
Cascade	Cascade Area Chamber of Commerce
Casey	Casey Service Club
Cedar Rapids	Czech Village New Bohemia Urban Main Street District
Cherokee	Cherokee Public Library
Clarence	Clarence Main Street
Clarinda	Page County Conservation
Clarinda	Clarinda Economic Development Corporation
Clarion	Heartland Museum
Clarksville	Community Visioning Committee
Clear Lake	One Vision
Columbus Junction	City of Columbus Junction
Corning	Adams County Youth and 4-H/Ffa Fair Association
Correctionville	Correctionville Chamber of Commerce
Corydon	Lecompte Memorial Library
Council Bluffs	Habitat For Humanity of Council Bluffs
Davenport	Dress For Success Quad Cities
Decorah	Arthaus
Delmar	City of Delmar
Denison	Operation Paint Brush Denison
Denison	Women In Business Impact Organization
Des Moines	Des Moines Carousel Foundation/Heritage Carousel of Des Moines
Dewitt	Concerned Dewitt Citizens
Dubuque	Friends of The Mines of Spain
Dunkerton	City of Dunkerton
Eagle Grove	Eagle Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
Elk Horn	City of Elk Horn
Elkader	Clayton County Conservation
Estherville	City of Estherville
Farmington	Pioneer Historical Society, Inc. Museum
Farragut	Farragut Community Hometown Pride
Floyd County	Floyd County Conservation
Fonda	Fonda Hometown Pride
Forest City	Winnebago Historical Society

#### **Paint Iowa Beautiful 2021 Grantees** (continued)

CITY	ORGANIZATION
Fort Atkinson	City of Fort Atkinson Iowa
Fulton	Fulton Community Church
Garrison	City of Garrison
George	City of George
Glenwood	City of Glenwood
Gowrie	Market On Market
Grundy Center	Kling Memorial Library
Havelock	Havelock Homwtown Pride
Hawarden	City of Hawarden
Hubbard	Hubbard Public Library
Independence	Heartland Acres Agribition Center
Ireton	Ireton Area Historical Society
Janesville	City of Janesville
Jefferson	Jefferson Matters: A Main Street and Chamber Community
Jewell	Jade/Main Street
Keokuk	City of Keokuk
Kirkville	Kirkville City Council
La Porte City	City of La Porte City
Lake City	Central School Preservation
Larchwood	City of Larchwood
Laurens	Laurens Hometown Pride
Lawton	City of Lawton
Linden	City of Linden
Logan	Logan Public Library
Lohrville	City of Lohrville/JJ Hands Library
Long Grove	Long Grove Civic League
Luana	City of Luana
Manchester	Delaware County Fair
Manning	City of Manning
Maquoketa	Jackson County Agricultural District
Maquoketa	Maquoketa Historic Presevation Commission
Marshalltown	Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance
Martelle	City of Martelle
Missouri Valley	Missouri Valley Chamber of Commerce
Mondamin	City of Mondamin
Montezuma	Clg Group
Montrose	Montrose Riverfront Inc
Moravia	Moravia Community Betterment
Mount Ayr	Town of Mount Ayr
Muscatine	City of Muscatine Public Art Advisory Commission
Nevada	Nevada Fire Department
New Sharon	City of New Sharon

#### **Paint Iowa Beautiful 2021 Grantees** (continued)

CITY	ORGANIZATION
Nora Springs	Nora Springs Parks and Recreation Board
Norwalk	Norwalk Parks and Recreation
Norwalk	Norwalk Easter Public Library
Oelwein	City of Oelwein, Park Department
Orient	The Wallace Centers of Iowa
Osceola	Osceola Chamber Main Street
Oskaloosa	Mahaska County YMCA
Ottumwa	League of Latin American Citizens Youth Council #601
Panora	Panora Lions Club
Pocahontas	Pocahontas Hometown Pride
Primghar	City of Primghar
Pulaski	City of Pulaski
Randolph	Hometown Pride
Red Oak	Red Oak Rotary Club
Reinbeck	Reinbeck Public Library
Riceville	Riceville Community School
Rock Rapids	Rock Rapids Mural Society
Rockwell City	Calhoun County Historial Society
Roland	City of Roland
Rolfe	Rolfe Hometown Pride
Sac City	Sac City Chamber/Main Street
Shelby	City of Shelby
Sheldon	Sheldon Chamber & Development Corp
Shimek State Forest	Friends of Shimek State Forest Equestrian Trails, Inc.
Sibley	Sibley Parks & Recreation - City of Sibley
Sidney	Sidney Hometown Pride
Sioux Center	Heritage Village
Sioux Center	Sioux Center Public Library
Sioux City	Downtown Partners
Storm Lake	City of Storm Lake
Strawberry Point	Strawberry Point Public Library
Sutherland	Willoway Complex
Thornton	City of Thornton
Tingley	Town Revitalization Committee
Truro	Truro Public Library
Wapello	Louisa County 4-H
Webster City	City of Webster City
Wellsburg	Wellsburg Community Visioning 2021
West Branch	West Branch Community Development Group
West Des Moines	Tallgrass Theatre Company
West Liberty	West Liberty Heritage Foundation

## **Keep Iowa Beautiful Month Proclamation**



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

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Iowa's communities and countryside provide the basis for making this a special and unique place to live; and

WHEREAS, caring residents and citizens desire to build the pride and respect toward our communities natural lands and the environment, knowing that these are essential to the cultural and economic health and vitality of the state where we live; and

WHEREAS, visitors to Iowa respect and admire the communities and countryside that make us

WHEREAS, Iowa's towns and cities and their leaders recognize the importance of maintaining clean and attractive areas; and

WHEREAS, Keep Iowa Beautiful, a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, works to build partnerships with government organizations, private companies, communities, counties and volunteer/service groups statewide to conduct litter prevention, recycling, beautification, community and landscape enhancement, increased volunteerism and waste minimization programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, Keep Iowa Beautiful, its Board of Directors and sponsors, have combined leadership, creativity, insight and expertise that continues to enhance the beauty and cleanliness of Iowa:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as

#### KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL MONTH

ATTEST

PAUL 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 3044 DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.

KIM REYNOLDS GOVERNOR OF IOWA

## **lowa Recycles Day Proclamation**



## PROCLAMATION

Keep Iowa Beautiful and the Iowa Recycling Association play leading roles in promoting the protection of Iowa's WHEREAS.

ral resources and quality of life; and

Keep Iowa Beautiful, a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful works with government organizations, private companies, communities, counties and volunteer/service groups statewide to conduct litter prevention, recycling, beautification, community and landscape enhancement, increased volunteerism and waste minimization programs

and projects; and

the Iowa Recycling Association advances effective recycling by sharing resources, education and advocacy opportunities, and its members serve communities across the state, embracing national best practices, and WHEREAS.

continuously striving to adopt cutting-edge technology for the benefit of lowans and our environment; and

lowa is a national leader in implementing innovative policies across industries to ensure a cleaner, greener state for WHEREAS. future generations; and

strongly advocating for recycling, reuse and waste reduction is essential to those efforts; and WHEREAS,

Keep Iowa Beautiful and its partner, the Iowa Recycling Association, recognize the importance of promoting WHEREAS,

recycling statewide through observance of America Recycles Day on November 15, 2021, and on this day we renew our commitment to making environmentally conscious changes in our lives so that our children and grandchildren can live that better, cleaner future. Let us continue in striving to reduce waste, conserve resources, and meet our

obligations to our planet and to future generations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim November 15th, 2021 as

#### IOWA RECYCLES DAY

PAUL PATE SECRETARY OF STATE

ATTEST:

MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS  $4\frac{\pi}{L}$  DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED

## **No Litter Hotline Warning Letter**









(Date)

Dear (Registered Owner(s) of Vehicle):

Keep Iowa Beautiful has partnered with Iowa Law Enforcement in efforts to inform citizens like you of the hazards and costs associated with unlawful littering. Recently, a citizen reported seeing litter tossed from a vehicle registered to you, (license number) on (date) near (location). At times, people make mistakes in reporting license plate information. If that is the case, please accept our apology.

Regardless, we ask that you join us in our efforts to Keep Iowa Beautiful. Randomly discarded trash even the smallest item such as a cigarette butt - endangers our environment, our wildlife, and may even threaten our safety. Picking up litter and debris costs taxpayers like you more than \$13.5 million each year. Our goal is to stop litter.

To help make a difference, we ask lowans to please prevent litter:

- Teach young people not to litter
- Always dispose of your trash in a proper receptacle; recycle beverage containers and other materials when possible
- Carry and use a litter bag in your vehicle
- Never throw anything out your vehicle window
- Cover truck beds when transporting trash or other loose items

We appreciate your support in Keeping Iowa Beautiful!

Sincerely,

Nathan Fulk, Colonel Chief

Iowa State Patrol

www.iowastatepatrol.org

Chad Cribb (Scott County)

President

Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association

www.issda.org

/ [ In w. Feeley

Kevin Techau **Executive Director** 

Keep Iowa Beautiful

www.keepiowabeautiful.com

Rob Burdess (City of Newton) President

Iowa Police Chief's Association

www.ipef.net





#### KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

## **Contact Us**

info@keepiowabeautiful.org

2910 Westown Parkway, Suite 302 West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

www.keepiowabeautiful.org

## **Stay Connected**





