


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of youth mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor and encourage organizations to engage and integrate mentoring; and

WHEREAS, children and youth in quality mentoring programs greatly benefit from the guidance mentors offer; these programs have been shown to be effective in increasing academic achievement and school attendance, and decreasing violent behavior, substance abuse and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

WHEREAS, mentors help young people set career goals and connect Iowa youth with industry professionals to help navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; and

WHEREAS, research shows that young people who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, 81 percent more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team, and 78 percent more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities; and

WHEREAS, all of the above listed benefits serve to link youth to economic opportunity while also strengthening the fiber of Iowa communities; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Mentoring Partnership works to increase resources dedicated to mentoring, promote quality standards for mentoring programs, and expand mentoring opportunities tailored to the needs of all youth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Braustad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2016 as

MENTORING MONTH IN IOWA



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
7th DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN


~~TERRY E. BRAUSTAD~~
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE