


State
Executive Department
of Iowa

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a brain injury is the damage to the brain resulting directly or indirectly from trauma, infection, anoxia, vascular lesions, or tumor of the brain, not primarily related to a degenerative disease or aging process, which temporarily or permanently impairs a person's physical, cognitive, or behavioral functions; and

WHEREAS, falls, motor vehicle crashes and sports injuries are the leading causes of traumatic brain injury (TBI) impacting the lives of thousands of Iowans each year; and

WHEREAS, concussion is a type of brain injury; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 17,000 Iowans sustain a TBI annually, and this number does not reflect the thousands more who experience brain injury but do not seek medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the annual rates of TBI related deaths in Iowa are steadily increasing; and

WHEREAS, individuals with brain injury and their families face overwhelming challenges, especially related to navigating the service delivery system; and

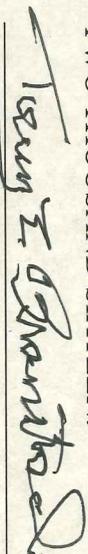
WHEREAS, education is essential for TBI prevention, overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the Iowa Advisory Council on Brain Injuries and the Iowa Department of Public Health invite all Iowans to become more aware of ways to prevent accidents that can lead to brain injury and to be supportive of TBI survivors and their families:

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

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

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 1st DAY
OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA



ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE