



State

of Iowa

Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the University of Iowa Hawkeyes Women’s Basketball team’s 2023-24 season was one for the record books that captivated fans nationwide and elevated the sport to new heights; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa women’s basketball team returned to the NCAA Championship game for the second consecutive year and is the first Big Ten team to compete in two consecutive national title games; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Clark, Iowa’s all-time leading scorer, surpassed the NCAA’s all-time women’s and men’s leading scorer records; was the first Division I player to record 3,800+ points, 1,000+ assists, and 950+ rebounds in a career; and was No. 1 overall pick in the 2024 WNBA Draft, selected by the Indiana Fever; and

WHEREAS, Kate Martin, was the first Iowa women’s basketball player to have amassed 900+ points, 500+ rebounds, 400+ assists, 120+ steals, and 60+ blocks in a career; and was the No. 18 pick in the 2024 WNBA draft, selected by the Las Vegas Aces; and

WHEREAS, Gabbie Marshall, became the first Iowa women’s basketball player to record 200 3-pointers and 200 steals in a career; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Stuelke, scored 47 points in a single game, the third-most points by an Iowa women’s basketball player in school history and the second-most points ever scored in Carver-Hawkeye Arena history; and

WHEREAS, Molly Davis, Kylie Feuerbach, Sydney Affolter, Sharon Goodman, and Addison O’Grady significantly contributed to the team throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Lisa Bluder is Iowa’s all-time winningest coach in program history, the NCAA Division I women’s basketball’s 10th winningest coach with 884 wins, Dean of the Big Ten Coaches, and the 2019 Naismith Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Lisa Bluder, Associate Head Coach Jan Jensen, and Assistant Coach Jenni Fitzgerald have coached together at Iowa for 24 years and previously at Drake University, and have built a nationally respected program and developed the most celebrated team in collegiate women’s basketball; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-24 Iowa women’s basketball team and coaches are the pride of Iowa and a shining example of teamwork, integrity, grace, and what it truly means to be a champion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2024, as:

Iowa Hawkeyes Women’s Basketball Appreciation Day



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 NINETEENTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR.

Kim Reynolds
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST
Paul D. Pate

PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE