
State of Iowa
Executive Department
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 2010 the Orchard Place Trauma Informed Care Project has promoted systemic collaboration with over 40 community stakeholders to build public awareness of the scope of trauma, educate all about the impact that adverse childhood experiences have on children, families and communities, establish positive collaborations between a variety of systems and build the resiliency and wellness of the community; and

WHEREAS, frequent and prolonged exposure to chronic stress can negatively affect the developing brain; and

WHEREAS, the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study confirms the cumulative impact of trauma; ACEs are common, disrupt neural development, and have a strong relationship to numerous health, social and behavioral problems throughout a person's life; and

WHEREAS, organizations and businesses who adopt trauma informed practices have increased productivity, decreased health care expenses, increased worker retention, less workplace compensation claims and happier staff; and


WHEREAS, communities who adopt trauma informed practices have decreased community violence, increased graduation rates, increased family stability and increased statewide resiliency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2015 as

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE AWARENESS MONTH



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 21st
DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO
THOUSAND FIFTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE