



PROCLAMATION

CROP Hunger Walk

WHEREAS, The Crop project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in North Dakota and Pennsylvania. Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held across the globe raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty; and

WHEREAS, CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Following each CROP Hunger Walk, 25% of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts; and

WHEREAS, Ames was host to the first Story County Walk 50 years ago in 1972, and organizers were looking to re-invigorate communities and bring back a greater Story County Walk. The Nevada community has been very active in the Walks in years past, thanks to the leadership from the local church community; and

WHEREAS, SCORE Pavilion in Nevada will be the headquarters for Nevada's CROP Hunger Walk. Participants will once again be called upon to help raise funds by collecting donations; seventy-five percent of those funds will go directly toward the worldwide fight of hunger; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brett Barker, Mayor of the City of Nevada, IA, do hereby proclaim

October 1, 2023

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CROP Walk Day

I, Mayor Brett Barker, urge our citizens to support this CROP Hunger Walk. Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime, and you can help make it happen by participating in your local CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds that will take us closer to ending hunger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Nevada, Iowa to be affixed this 25th day of September, 2023.



Brett Barker, Mayor



Proclamation

“LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH”

WHEREAS, libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, from storytimes for preschoolers to college and career planning for high schoolers, fostering literacy and a love of reading; and

WHEREAS, libraries are welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds to learn together and engage with one another across cultural, ethnic, generational, and economic lines, strengthening the social fabric of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries help people of all ages navigate the complexities of life, providing access to research, information, and government services that allow everyone to lead more productive and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, libraries contribute to a strong local economy by providing access to the technology and training that are critical to the success of job-seekers, entrepreneurs, and students; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, the shared resources libraries offer reduce the number of items households buy and dispose of, providing a simple way to save money, conserve resources, and reduce waste; and

WHEREAS, a library card sparks creativity and empowers all people to explore new passions and interests and pursue a path of lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brett Barker, Mayor of the City of Nevada, IA, do hereby proclaim

September, 2022

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Library Card Sign-up Month

I, Mayor Brett Barker, encourage everyone to sign up for their own library card today.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Nevada, Iowa to be affixed this 25th day of September, 2023.



Brett Barker, Mayor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, across Nevada, clean and readily abundant forms of energy power more homes and businesses than ever before; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of Iowa's energy future. It includes generation from renewable sources such as wind, solar, hydro, and geothermal sources, but it also includes nuclear, natural gas, and carbon capture technologies as well as energy storage; and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of growth in Iowa in recent years, with nearly 35,000 Iowans currently employed in the clean energy sector; and

WHEREAS, Iowa is the nation's largest fuel ethanol and biodiesel producer, accounting for about one-fourth of U.S. fuel ethanol production capacity and one-fifth of biodiesel manufacturing capacity; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's generated 58% of the state's electricity in 2021, the highest wind power share for any state and the second largest producer in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is continuing to grow as a regional leader in renewable natural gas as local start-ups develop the promising fuel here in Story County; and

WHEREAS, clean energy jobs are inherently local and contribute to the growth of local economies. These jobs cannot be outsourced due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, as our country celebrates National Clean Energy Week, I encourage individuals and organizations in Iowa to support commonsense solutions to address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st century. I also encourage Nevada to continue implementing the cleanest, lowest-emitting energy technologies available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brett Barker, Mayor of the City of Nevada, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 25-29, 2023 as

NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Nevada, Iowa to be affixed this 25th day of September, 2023.



Brett Barker, Mayor