  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, EMS, or other appropriate emergency response entities; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that policy makers at all levels of government understand the importance of 9-1-1, how the system works today, and what steps are needed to modernize the 9-1-1 system; and
- WHEREAS,** the 9-1-1 system is the connection between the public and emergency response entities, and the public is often the first to know of emergencies of all kinds, making 9-1-1 a significant homeland security asset; and
- WHEREAS,** the growth and variety of means of communications, including mobile and IP-based systems, impose challenges for accessing 9-1-1 and implementing enhanced 9-1-1 and require increased education and awareness about their capabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** a growing segment of the population, including the deaf, hard of hearing and those with speech disabilities are increasingly communicating with non-traditional text, video and instant messaging communications services and expect these services to be able to connect directly to 9-1-1; and
- WHEREAS,** there is widespread misuse in the 9-1-1 system, including non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources; and
- WHEREAS,** parents, teachers, and all other care givers need to play an active role in 9-1-1 education for children, but must also educate themselves:

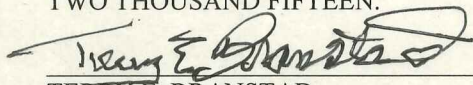
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2015 as

**9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH**


in Iowa, and urge all Iowans to take due notice of this occasion, and to give appropriate attention to the education of all Iowans on the proper use and importance of the 9-1-1 system.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE