
State
Executive Department
of Iowa

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD™ IS AN ONGOING EFFORT BY SPECIAL OLYMPICS IOWA, BEST BUDDIES IOWA AND THEIR SUPPORTERS TO RAISE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF SOCIETY ABOUT THE DEHUMANIZING AND HURTFUL EFFECTS OF THE WORD “RETARDED)” AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PLEDGE TO STOP USING THE R-WORD; AND

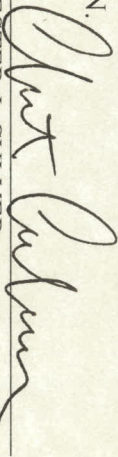
WHEREAS, CREATED BY YOUTH, THE CAMPAIGN IS INTENDED TO ENGAGE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES TO RALLY AND PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT AT WWW.R-WORD.ORG WITH A GOAL OF REACHING 100,000 PLEDGES; AND

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 3, STUDENTS, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS IOWA AND THE U.S. WILL UNITE TO CHALLENGE EVERYONE TO THINK BEFORE THEY SPEAK, AND TO REPLACE THE R-WORD WITH A DIFFERENT R-WORD, “RESPECT”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 3, 2010, AS


“SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD” DAY

IN IOWA.

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 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND
TEN,

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA



ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE