
State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The role of barns and family farms in the history and economy of Iowa will be explored and celebrated by the following organizations, the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance, Humanities Iowa, State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa Department of Agriculture, Iowa Farmers Union, Practical Farmers of Iowa, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, One Thousand Friends of Iowa, Women Food and Agriculture Network, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area, Wallace House Foundation, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation; and
- WHEREAS:** Iowa agriculture is symbolized in the numerous and diverse barns and family farms that ennoble the landscape and contribute to the economic vitality of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** The barns and family farms of Iowa provide opportunities for learning about the stories, crafts, and technologies of farming communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Barns and family farms have cultivated and continually enrich social, economic and civic pride in rural communities, and
- WHEREAS:** The preservation of historic barns and family farms perpetuates Iowa's unique sense of place, reflecting the hopes of farmers in the past and present:

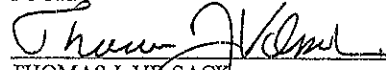
NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM 2005, AS

THE YEAR OF THE BARN AND THE FAMILY FARM

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 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND
FOUR.


THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE