



State

of Iowa

Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are significant hazards associated with grain bins, making the safety and health of agricultural workers of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant part of the agriculture industry in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it takes only seconds to be completely engulfed in flowing grain or overcome by oxygen-deficient atmospheres, and suffocation from engulfment is a leading cause of death in grain bin accidents; and

WHEREAS, many mechanical hazards such as augers and rotating shafts exist and the absence of proper energy-control procedures can create "caught between" and "struck by" accidents, leading to serious injury or death; and

WHEREAS, all grain bin accidents and injuries are preventable, and workers must be engaged, educated, and aware of unsafe conditions and behaviors; and

WHEREAS, each death has devastating impacts on the victim's family, friends, and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, many fire departments lack the specialized rescue equipment and technique education necessary for a safe and successful grain bin rescue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa encourages all employers who have grain bins to develop safety and health programs, contribute to this safety initiative, and help make the state of Iowa a safer and healthier place to work; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is committed to helping the agricultural community develop safety programs with assistance from the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, and other partners and stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim
March 30th – April 3rd, 2026 as

STAND UP FOR GRAIN SAFETY WEEK



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE
AT DES MOINES THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR
OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX.

Kim Reynolds
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

Paul Pate

PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE