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

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) targets young people when they are most vulnerable to tremendous peer pressure and teaches the skills to make positive decisions and resist pressure to engage in negative behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20,000 students in the state of Iowa will receive drug abuse resistance education annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the D.A.R.E. program is taught by veteran police officers with direct experience in cases involving criminal activities and ruined lives caused by substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, each police officer who teaches the D.A.R.E. program completes an 80-hour training course that included instruction in teaching techniques, officer-school relationships, development of self-esteem, child development, and communication skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the D.A.R.E. curriculum helps students understand self-image, recognize and manage stress without taking drugs, evaluate risk-taking behavior, resist gang pressure, apply decision-making skills, and evaluate the consequences of the choices available to them; and

**WHEREAS**, the D.A.R.E. program has achieved outstanding success teaching positive and effective approaches to what is one of the most difficult problems facing our young people today - drug abuse;

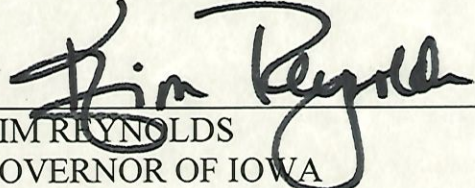
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 22, 2021 as

**D.A.R.E. DAY**


in Iowa, and I call upon citizens to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF**  
**OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.**

  
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KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE