

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Autumn Lynn Elgersma of Orange City, Iowa, was a victim of child abuse which resulted in her death at three years of age; and

**WHEREAS,** since numerous community agencies have joined together to better serve our state's abused and neglected children and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** community agencies have provided services to thousands of children in the past year; and

**WHEREAS,** community agencies consist of people who devote their lives to preserving and protecting children, including child protection workers, forensic interviewers, prosecutors, police officers, detectives, social workers, therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists and primary care physicians; and

**WHEREAS,** the landmark Kaiser Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study showed dramatic links between adverse childhood experiences and future risky behavior, psychological issues, serious illness and the leading causes of death; and

**WHEREAS,** ending child abuse and neglect requires community action including responding appropriately, effectively, and proactively to incidents:

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

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the state of Iowa.

**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 \_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL IN THE  
YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND  
FIFTEEN.**

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**TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA**

ATTEST:

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**PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**