State of Iowa

Executive Department

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, highly toxic gas that is created when fuels burn incompletely and is only detectable with an electronic CO sensor; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, weakness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, confusion, blurred vision, sleeplessness, loss of muscle control, and loss of consciousness; and

WHEREAS, CO poisoning causes over 100,000 emergency room visits, 14,000 hospitalizations, and 1,200 deaths each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, CO poisoning can come from home heating sources, vehicles, yard equipment, generators, and tools with combustible engines; and Whereas, over 89% of American homes have fuel burning appliances yet less than half of those homes have a properly functioning CO detector; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa State Fire Marshal Division, Fire and EMS Departments across Iowa, the National Association of State Fire Marshal's, and the National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Association want Iowans to be aware and informed of the dangers of carbon monoxide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, the Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2026 as:

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month

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 30th DAY OF OCTOBER 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