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Memorandum

To: Story County Conservation Board

Through: Michael D. Cox, Director

From: Sara Carmichael, Watershed Coordinator

Date: September 13, 2021

Re: Consideration of Proclamation Declaring October 2021 as Watershed Awareness Month.

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The attached proclamation declares October as Watershed Awareness Month. The proclamation is being considered by all jurisdictions partnering on the Water Quality Monitoring Program including: cities of Ames, Huxley, Nevada and Gilbert, Story County Conservation, Story County, Prairie Rivers of Iowa, Story County Community Foundation, and Story County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Staff urges your approval.

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Approval

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Disapproval

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# Proclamation

## "WATERSHED AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, a water quality collaboration has been formed between the cities of Ames, Huxley, Nevada and Gilbert, Story County, Story County Conservation Board, Story County Board of Health, Prairie Rivers of Iowa, Story County Community Foundation, and Story County Soil & Water Conservation District; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Story County Ten-Year Water Monitoring program is to collect and analyze water sampling data, to increase resident's knowledge and understandings, and identify problems in our watershed to support and improve surface and groundwater quality; and,

WHEREAS, water quality and flooding issues in rivers, lakes, and streams cannot be mitigated without good stewardship of the private and public lands in the watersheds that drain to those waterways; and,

WHEREAS, implementing green infrastructure using native vegetation and improving soil health aids in absorbing and filtering out excess nutrients and pollutants through use of the land; and,

WHEREAS, educating about how we impact the health of watersheds, where, we live, through our everyday activities; and,

WHEREAS, keeping our watersheds healthy protects public health, water supply, fisheries, wildlife, agriculture, supports economic development and enhances recreation activities in our communities.

THEREFORE, The Story County Conservation Board, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021, as "WATERSHED AWARENESS MONTH." We urge every citizen within Story County to recognize the importance of the watershed in which you live and to commit to keep learning and identifying how you can make a difference, even in your own backyard.

Signed this 13th day of September, 2021.

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Craig Meyers, Chair, Story County Conservation Board