

WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, ONE IN 300 BABIES IS BORN WITH A POTENTIAL CONGENITAL OR INHERITED DISORDER DETECTED THROUGH NEWBORN SCREENING; AND

WHEREAS, MOST BABIES WITH DISORDERS LOOK AND ACT NORMAL AND SEEM PERFECTLY HEALTHY AT BIRTH; AND

WHEREAS, IF DISORDERS ARE DETECTED AND TREATED EARLY, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CAN BE IMPROVED; AND

WHEREAS, KEEPING BABIES HEALTHY AND PROMOTING AWARENESS OF NEWBORN SCREENING DISORDERS ARE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR STATE; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGH EDUCATION AND INCREASED AWARENESS, FAMILIES CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF NEWBORN SCREENING AND HOW THEY CAN HELP TO ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN GROW UP HEALTHY:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIM REYNOLDS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2021 AS

NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH IN IOWA.