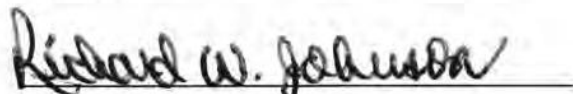


**PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE
AUGUST 19, 2025**

- WHEREAS, Acknowledging that the state of Iowa legally recognizes there are other forms of marriage, this proclamation is focused on celebrating traditional marriage. The History of Traditional Marriage is as old as history itself, beginning with one man and one woman, and through the union of man and woman every new generation has come into existence for thousands of years, it is important that we honor and celebrate traditional marriage and;
- WHEREAS, The Traditional Marriage Community has much to celebrate in terms of business and professional achievements, political involvement, community activities, providing a proven environment for the next generation of children to grow up into responsible citizens, and is vital and essential as part of our culture and community and;
- WHEREAS, The Traditional Marriage Community recognizes that a loving, caring Father and Mother in the home, who are married and committed to one another, is one way of leading to a strong outcome for good mental health in the upcoming children and;
- WHEREAS, On August 23, 2025 some members of the Traditional Marriage Community have organized a parade to provide positive image and support for the importance of the purity, fidelity, commitment, and love in marriage and educate the greater community about this importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Richard W. Johnson, Mayor, City of Ottumwa, on behalf of the entire City Council, am pleased to present this proclamation recognizing the August 23, 2025 event celebrating Traditional Marriage.


Richard W. Johnson, Mayor