
State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Usher Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder caused by a genetic mutation resulting in hearing loss and visual impairment, and is a leading cause of combined deafness and blindness; and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 people are affected by this genetic disorder worldwide, with as many as 25,000 of those in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Usher syndrome, an incurable disorder, causes suffering from severe balance issues due to vestibular dysfunction, vision loss due to pigmentosa (RP), and hearing loss.

WHEREAS, there are three clinical types: Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3, which are distinguished by the severity and age when the signs and symptoms appear; and

WHEREAS, because of limited public awareness, those affected with Usher syndrome may suffer from depression, anxiety, isolation, loss of independence; and

WHEREAS, the Usher syndrome community is uniting around the world to spread public awareness but especially to be recognized annually the 3rd Saturday of September.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim
September 16th, 2023, as:

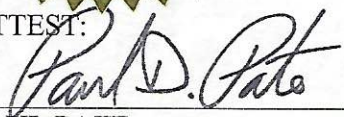
Usher Syndrome Awareness Day

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 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN
THE YEAR OF OUR LORDS TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-
THREE.



KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE