

PROCLAMATION
Celebration of Traditional Marriage
2025

Whereas, Marriage has been an important institution across cultures and throughout history, including the traditional understanding as a union between one man and one woman, and has often served as a foundation for family life and the raising of future generations; and

Whereas, Families of all kinds—including those built through traditional marriage, same-sex marriage, single parenthood, extended kinship, and other loving partnerships—contribute meaningfully to the strength, resilience, and well-being of our community; and

Whereas, The City of Ottumwa values strong, supportive family environments—regardless of structure—as vital to the development of children, the mental and emotional health of all members, and the social cohesion of our community; and

Whereas, On August 23rd some members of the faith community are gathering to hold a parade of decorated vehicles to display their commitment and support for traditional marriage and celebrate those who through the institution of marriage have made significant contributions in the areas of business, public service, education, and civic life, and continue to provide valuable support and stability to our city.

Now, Therefore, I, Richard W. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Ottumwa, on behalf of the City Council, issue this proclamation recognizing the August 23rd event supporting the tradition of

marriage and those contributions the married have made to our community.

Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

Christina Reinhard, City Clerk