

# Jewell Historical Society

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Jewell Historical Society, I am writing to support the efforts of the American Cream Draft Horse Association (ACDHA) in endorsing the effort to pass SJR2007, a bill naming the American Cream Draft Horse as the official horse of Iowa.

As a duly registered 501(c)3 organization in Jewell, Iowa, we support and promote a better understanding and appreciation of the history and heritage of Jewell Junction, Iowa and the surrounding area. We do this through occasional local programs, and through the contents and displays in our facility, the Jewell History Museum.

One of the historical events which we have been promoting during the last few years is the development of the draft horse breed known as the American Cream Draft Horse. As you are aware, this is the only working breed of draft horses native to the United States. The breed was developed in the Jewell-Ellsworth-Radcliffe area of central Iowa, and included the efforts of Erick Christian, DVM, a Jewell veterinarian important to the breeding and development of the breed.

We feel this gives our Society and our community a stake in the breed and in supporting its recognition by all the citizens of our fair state.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully submitted,



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Bruce G. Johnson, Jr., President  
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