
RE: SJR 2007 Bill and the Iowa State Horse

Dear Honorable Representatives,

The roots and origins of the American Cream Draft Horse are deeply embedded in the farming community of the state of Iowa, tracing back to the early 20th Century. It is a unique draft horse breed with an eye catching creamy color, originally developed solely for and by farmers in Iowa.

Today, the American Cream Draft Horse is the only historic draft breed of American origins that still exists. All others became extinct prior to the 20th century - like the Conestoga Draft of Pennsylvania that once pulled the Conestoga wagons.

The Equus Survival Trust (EST) is a 501c3 nonprofit based in America, with a global reach, and the only such nonprofit anywhere that, collectively and exclusively, specializes in the conservation and preservation of historic endangered horse breeds.

The American Cream Draft is on EST's Critical list. We fully support the original, traditional, working-type American Cream Draft Horse that the farmers of Iowa developed, treasured, and hitched their livelihoods to beginning in the early 20th Century.

In passing SJR 2007 Bill, the state of Iowa would forever recognize "one of its own" by making the American Cream Draft Horse the state horse of Iowa, validating the contributions of Iowa's working farmers, and proclaiming its Iowan roots to the rest of America and to the world.

The Equus Survival Trust fully endorses passing SJR 2007 Bill to make the American Cream Draft Horse the state horse of Iowa.

Respectfully,

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