

**216A.1 Department of human rights — purpose.**

1. A department of human rights is created, with the following divisions and offices:

a. Division of community advocacy and services, with the following offices:

- (1) Office of Latino affairs.
- (2) Office on the status of women.
- (3) Office of persons with disabilities.
- (4) Office of deaf services.
- (5) Office on the status of African Americans.
- (6) Office of Asian and Pacific Islander affairs.
- (7) Office of Native American affairs.

b. Division of community action agencies.

c. Division of criminal and juvenile justice planning.

2. The purpose of the department is to ensure basic rights, freedoms, and opportunities for all by empowering underrepresented Iowans and eliminating economic, social, and cultural barriers.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1201](#)

[C87, §601K.1](#)

[87 Acts, ch 115, §70; 88 Acts, ch 1277, §27; 89 Acts, ch 83, §78; 90 Acts, ch 1180, §2; 91 Acts, ch 50, §2; 91 Acts, ch 109, §8](#)

[C93, §216A.1](#)

[2004 Acts, ch 1020, §2; 2008 Acts, ch 1184, §38; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §101, 170](#)

Referred to in [§7E.5](#)

See also [§7E.6](#)

Minority impact statements, see [§2.56, 8.11](#)