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April 24, 2013

The Honorable Matt Schultz
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 541, an Act relating to dam reconstruction standards. This legislation allows assistance with the reconstruction of the dam at Lake Delhi in eastern Iowa. House File 541 allows for additional efforts to prevent future flooding disaster. Given that the Iowa legislature appropriated funding to support the reconstruction of the dam at Lake Delhi, I support efforts to help with the safe reconstruction of the Lake Delhi dam. This will allow Iowans to have access to this lake, including through public access means, for recreational enjoyment for years to come.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 541

AN ACT
RELATING TO DAM RECONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 455B.275, Code 2013, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. Notwithstanding design criteria and guidelines for Iowa dams adopted by the department, all of the following standards shall apply to a person reconstructing a dam that was damaged due to a natural disaster who files an application under subsection 3:

a. The person reconstructing the dam is only required to possess the flooding easements or ownership which were held prior to the reconstruction as long as the former normal pool elevation is not exceeded and the spillway capacity is increased by at least fifty percent.

b. Flooding easements or ownership are only required to the top of the reconstructed spillway elevation.



KRAIG PAULSEN
Speaker of the House



PAM JOCHUM
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 541, Eighty-fifth General Assembly.



CARMINE BOAL
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 24, 2013



TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor