

EXECUTIVE BRANCH
ELECTED OFFICIALS



Chapter 1

GOVERNOR

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KIM REYNOLDS

*43rd Governor of Iowa
Osceola (R)*

Term: Expires January 2019. **Profession:** Sworn in as Governor on May 24, 2017. Elected Lieutenant Governor in November 2010 and reelected in November 2014. Served in the Iowa State Senate from 2009–2010. Served as a ranking member on the Local Government Committee and as a member on the Economic Growth, Environment and Energy Independence, Rebuild Iowa, and Transportation committees, as well as the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee. Prior to being elected to the Iowa Senate, Reynolds served 14 years as the Clarke County Treasurer, from 1995–2009. During her tenure as treasurer, she took an active role at the local, state, and national levels. In 2000, she served as president of the Iowa State Treasurers Association. Reynolds continued her statewide leadership through her work on a three-person policy team that was instrumental in the implementation of the Iowa State County Treasurers Association Internet site, which offered online service at no or minimal cost to Iowans. In 2004, Reynolds received the Victor Martinelli “Outstanding County Treasurer in the United States” award. Reynolds was also a member of the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System’s Investment Board. She also worked as a motor vehicle clerk and pharmacist assistant. **Education:** Graduated from Interstate 35 High School in 1977. Received her bachelor’s degree from Iowa State University in 2016. **Memberships and Activities:** Governor Reynolds co-chairs the Governor’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Advisory Council, Future Ready Iowa, and the Iowa Partnership for Economic Progress (IPEP). She also chaired the Iowa Energy Plan. She is honorary chair of Million Women Mentors (national and state) and the Epic Corporate Challenge and chair of Yankee Doodle Drive Against Hunger. Governor Reynolds is on the executive committee of the National Governors Association and is a member of the President’s Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion, the Governors’ Biofuels Coalition, the Midwestern Governors Association, the Iowa Women’s

Hall of Fame, Nexus Executive Women’s Alliance, Business Record’s Women of Influence, and STEMConnector “100 Women Leaders in STEM.” In 2017, Reynolds received the first-ever national “Stand Up for STEM” award. She is also a member of Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in St. Charles. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Husband, Kevin Reynolds; three daughters and nine grandchildren.

Governorship

The supreme executive power of the state is vested in the Governor, whose term of office is four years.

A person is eligible for the governorship who is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Iowa for two years preceding the next election, and has attained the age of 30 years at the time of said election.

The Governor appoints all principal officers of the state not elected by the people and certain other officers connected with the state government, subject to confirmation by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate. When any office, from any cause, becomes vacant, and no mode is provided by the Constitution and laws for filling such vacancy, the Governor has the power to fill such vacancy.

The chief executive is also responsible for taking final action on all laws enacted by the General Assembly. The Governor may approve, by signing, or disapprove, by veto, a bill passed by both houses of the Legislature or the Governor may allow a bill received before the last three days of a legislative session to become law without signing it. A bill received during or after the last three days of a legislative session must be signed by the Governor in order to become law.

The Governor may also call a special session of the General Assembly when there is necessity of action and may order adjournment of the Legislature if the members cannot reach agreement when to adjourn. The Governor must report to the Legislature the financial condition of the state and a recommendation for any appropriate action concerning the financial status.

The Governor has the task of granting or denying executive clemency in the form of restoration of voting rights, commutation of sentences, pardons, remissions of fines and forfeitures, and gun license privileges.

The specific statutory duties of the Governor include serving as commander-in-chief of the military forces of Iowa, acting as chairperson of the Executive Council, and granting or denying extradition whenever there is a request for a fugitive from justice.

The Governor, as chief executive, has many obligations to the people of Iowa. These include meeting different groups or individuals to discuss problems which in some way involve government; conferring with Iowa’s congressional delegation to discuss national issues which affect Iowa; promoting Iowa and its manufactured and agricultural products; answering correspondence from the electorate; and endeavoring to meet visitors who wish to visit the Capitol and the Governor’s Office.

Primarily, the Governor is the chief executive of the state government and is held responsible by the citizenry for the effective and efficient administration of the various state departments and agencies in Iowa.

Governor Reynolds

Governor Kim Reynolds, a former state senator and county treasurer, serves as Iowa’s 43rd Governor. Prior to taking office on May 24, 2017, she served as Iowa’s 46th Lieutenant Governor. Governor Reynolds truly understands the importance of fiscal responsibility, job creation, education, and technology.

Since 2011, Governor Reynolds has helped attract more than \$15 billion in private investment to the state. Companies like Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, CJ Bio America, Cargill, Mid-American Energy, Alliant Energy, CF Industries, and Valent Biosciences, have chosen to locate or expand in the state. During her tenure as Lieutenant Governor, Governor Reynolds used her in-depth understanding of Iowa’s small towns and urban communities to continually move Iowa forward with bold economic development initiatives.

Governor Reynolds’ international trade missions have taken her to China, Germany, Brazil, South Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, Israel, Argentina, Uruguay, and Thailand. These efforts to establish long-term relationships overseas have resulted in increased exports, more foreign direct investment, and new jobs for Iowans.

Governor Reynolds has committed to visiting all of Iowa's 99 counties to learn about how Iowa can become an even stronger state. Whether it is meeting with business owners or rural farmers, she embraces the opportunity to gain insights into their concerns and to encourage their collaboration.

Gubernatorial Transition

On December 7, 2016, Governor Terry Branstad announced that he had accepted the nomination from President-elect Donald Trump to serve as U.S. Ambassador to China. On May 22, 2017, the U.S. Senate confirmed Governor Branstad's appointment. On May 24, 2017, Governor Branstad resigned as Governor and Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds was sworn in as the 43rd Governor of the state of Iowa.



TERRY E. BRANSTAD

*42nd Governor of Iowa
Panora (R)*

Term: Resigned as Governor on May 24, 2017. **Profession:** Elected to sixth term as Governor in November 2014. Served in the United States Army as a military policeman 1969–1971, earning rank as Sergeant E-5. Partner at Branstad and Schwarm Law firm 1974–1982. Elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1972, 1974, and 1976. Elected Iowa Lieutenant Governor in 1978. Elected as Governor in November 1982, reelected in 1986, 1990, 1994, and 2010. Adjunct professor, Tippie College of Business, University of Iowa, 1999–2000. Financial advisor, Robert W. Baird, 2000–2003. President, Des Moines University Medical School, August 2003–October 2009. **Education:** B.A. degrees in political science and sociology, University of Iowa; J.D. degree, Drake University Law School. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1946 in Leland. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Christine Branstad; two sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Governor Branstad

Governor Branstad's actions have returned Iowa to firm financial footing by spending less than the state takes in, enacting two-year budgets, and ending the use of one-time moneys for ongoing expenses. The Branstad-Reynolds administration has focused on long-term growth for the state's economy, tax and regulatory reform, creation of new jobs for Iowans, increasing family incomes, reducing the cost of government, making Iowa's schools the best in the country, and making Iowa the healthiest state in the nation.

Governor Branstad has traveled the state, country, and world, promoting Iowa's promise as a place to start, grow, or expand a business. Governor Branstad, believing the state needs a jobs and careers focus that is driven by the realities of a 21st century economy, established a public-private partnership that utilizes existing companies and talent, while reaching out across the country and world, in order to attract new business and industry. As a result of this work, Iowa has secured multiple record-breaking capital investments worth billions of dollars.

Understanding comprehensive property tax reform was needed for the state's economic development efforts, Governor Branstad engineered the largest tax cut in Iowa history in 2013 by committing to property tax relief for Iowa's four classes of property: commercial, industrial, agricultural, and residential.

Also in 2013, the Legislature passed Governor Branstad's plan for world-class schools focusing on student achievement, ushering in historic school choice provisions, and making the teaching profession more attractive with leadership roles and higher pay. Governor Branstad believes this new educational system will restore Iowa's schools as the country's best.

See chapter 4 for information regarding the Executive Office of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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ADAM GREGG

*Lieutenant Governor
Johnston (R)*

Term: Expires January 2019. **Profession:** Appointed Lieutenant Governor on May 25, 2017. State Public Defender, 2014 – 2017; Governor’s Office, legislative liaison and policy advisor, 2013 – 2014; BrownWinick law firm, Des Moines, 2009 – 2013. **Education:** Graduated from West Sioux High School; received B.A. in political science and history from Central College in 2006; graduated from Drake University Law School in 2009. **Memberships and Activities:** Lieutenant Governor Gregg currently serves on the Iowa State Fair Board and is proud to be associated with one of Iowa’s largest and oldest attractions. He is also a member of the National Lieutenant Governors Association. Gregg and his family are members and volunteers at Johnston River of Life United Methodist Church. He also coaches his son’s flag football team. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1983 in Hawarden. Resides in Johnston. **Family Members:** Wife, Cari Gregg; one daughter and one son.

Lieutenant Governorship

The role of Lieutenant Governor is not statutorily defined in the Iowa Code; under the Iowa Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor of Iowa performs those duties assigned to the Lieutenant Governor by the Governor. Lieutenant Governor Gregg’s office adjoins the Governor’s on the first floor of the Iowa Statehouse.

Lieutenant Governor Gregg

Adam Gregg, the former State Public Defender, grew up in Hawarden and resides in Johnston. As Lieutenant Governor, he travels to all 99 counties each year.

On May 25, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Adam Gregg as Lieutenant Governor of the state of Iowa, in an acting capacity, not in line of succession to the Office of Governor.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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www.iowaagriculture.gov



BILL NORTHEY

*Secretary of Agriculture
Spirit Lake (R)*

Term: Expires January 2019. **Profession:** Farmer, owns and operates a corn and soybean farm in rural Spirit Lake in Northwest Iowa; elected to first term as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture in November 2006, and reelected in 2010 and 2014. **Education:** Graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1977. Graduated from Iowa State University in 1981 with a degree in agricultural business and received a master's in business administration from Southwest Minnesota State University in 2004. **Memberships and Activities:** Throughout his career in agriculture, Northey has been a leader in a variety of farm groups, serving as National Corn Growers Association president (1995 – 1996), chairman (1996 – 1997), and committee leader. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, E. Howard Hill, who served as president, Northey has also been active in the Iowa Farm Bureau. Named a “Friend of Agriculture” by the Iowa Farm Bureau Political Action Committee in 2006, 2010, and 2014. Served in a number of Farm Bureau offices at the county and state levels, including as president, vice president, and committee chairman of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau. Served on the Iowa USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee, as a Dickinson County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner, and as a board member of Ag Ventures Alliance. While at Iowa State University, Northey was a member of the Farm House Fraternity and served as president his senior year. Active in Faith Evangelical Free Church in Spirit Lake, having served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, and chairman for various committees. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in Spirit Lake and resides in Spirit Lake. **Family Members:** Wife, Cindy Northey; three daughters and five grandchildren.

The Iowa Secretary of Agriculture is elected by the people of Iowa every four years to lead the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Iowa is a national leader in agriculture, leading the nation in production of corn, soybeans, pork, and eggs, and the Secretary of Agriculture is a spokesman for this vital industry.

In addition, the Secretary leads the department, which is responsible for a wide range of programs that affect the daily quality of life of every Iowan, both those living on the farm as well as everyone in the state's towns and cities.

As part of that responsibility, the department works with Iowa farmers who provide Iowa and the world with safe, abundant food grown in an environmentally responsible way. The Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality provides farmers with expertise and funds to help them install practices that preserve our highly productive soil, prevent erosion, and protect our critical waterways. These efforts make sure future Iowans can experience the same high quality of life that past generations have enjoyed. Under Northey's leadership, the department has established a Water Quality Initiative to assist all Iowans in using voluntary, science-based practices to improve water quality in the state. More information about the initiative can be found at www.CleanWaterIowa.org.

The department assists farmers by monitoring and reporting cash grain prices and livestock auction market prices. The State Veterinarian within the department also runs screening programs and provides safeguards to protect the health of Iowa's livestock. Surveillance and eradication of animal diseases is vital to keeping the state's livestock healthy.

The department also plays a vital role in consumer protection and in protecting public health. It tests animal feeds, fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, meat, poultry, and dairy products to ensure public health and safety. It inspects dairy farms and plants, meat and poultry processing facilities, weight and measuring devices, and grain warehouses to ensure compliance with state regulations. The department strives for consumer safety and confidence in Iowa products.

To support the continued growth in diversified agricultural production, the department publishes a variety of directories, including a list of farmers markets and commercial fertilizer licensees. A statewide organic certification program within the department also assists Iowa organic producers in marketing their organically grown crops and livestock.

The Secretary of Agriculture also participates in trade missions throughout the world to support expanding markets for Iowa agricultural products.

See chapter 4 for information regarding the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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TOM MILLER

*Attorney General
Des Moines (D)*

Term: Expires January 2019. **Profession:** Served as Iowa Attorney General, 1979–1991 and 1995–present. **Education:** Graduated valedictorian from Dubuque Wahlert High School, 1962; B.A., Loras College, 1966; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1969. **Memberships and Activities:** Served in VISTA, 1969–1970. Legislative assistant to U.S. Representative John C. Culver (D-Iowa), 1970–1971. Worked in the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau as legal education director and taught part-time at the University of Maryland School of Law, 1971–1973. Practiced law and served as city attorney in McGregor, 1973–1978. Partner in the firm of Faegre and Benson, Des Moines, 1991–1994. Member: Iowa State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the Sierra Club. Honorary degree from Loras College, 1979. Distinguished Alumnus Award from Loras College, 1983. Past president of National Association of Attorneys General. Recipient of Wyman Award for distinguished service to the National Association of Attorneys General. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1944 in Dubuque. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** One son.

The Attorney General is a constitutional officer elected by popular vote every four years. The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of the state and is head of the Department of Justice.

The powers and duties of the Office of Attorney General include legally representing the departments and agencies of state government, taking action for citizens in consumer protection and other areas, enforcing the state's environmental protection laws, playing a central role in the criminal justice system, and providing assistance and advocacy for the victims of crime. The Attorney General defends all tort claim actions against the state, and issues legal opinions on questions of law submitted by elected or appointed state officials and county attorneys.

The Attorney General represents state agencies in court and provides legal advice on questions of law. The Attorney General also represents the state in other actions and proceedings when, in the

Attorney General's judgment, the best interests of the state require it, or when requested to appear by the Governor or Executive Council.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division enforces state consumer protection statutes and works to inform citizens so they can avoid being cheated out of their property or money. The Farm Division provides consumer protection and legal advocacy for farmers. The Department of Justice also includes the Office of Consumer Advocate, which represents the interests of consumers in regulated utility cases before the Iowa Utilities Board.

The Attorney General plays a key role in criminal law on several fronts: handling all criminal appeals from the 99 counties to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals, prosecuting cases at the request of county attorneys, providing training to prosecuting attorneys, and proposing changes in state criminal statutes.

The Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Division is the primary state-level agency responsible for aiding and advocating for victims of crime. The division's Crime Victim Compensation and Sexual Abuse Examination Payment programs award over \$6 million a year to victims of violent crimes such as rape, assault, and drunk driving, and to survivors of homicide victims. The funds come entirely from fines and penalties paid by criminals. The division also distributes about \$8 million each year to local victim service programs throughout Iowa, administers the Iowa Crisis Response Team, and operates IowaVINE, an automated victim information and notification system.

Attorney General Miller has led multistate actions and working groups on tobacco, mortgage, antitrust enforcement, agriculture, and consumer protection issues.

Attorney General Miller was a lead negotiator in the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with 46 states and the tobacco industry. The \$206 billion agreement returned billions of dollars to the states.

Attorney General Miller is a state and national leader on mortgage foreclosure issues. He was the lead state attorney general in the historic 2012 National Mortgage Settlement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers. The joint state-federal settlement resulted in more than \$50 billion in relief to borrowers nationwide and fundamental changes to the mortgage servicing industry.

Attorney General Miller was also the lead state attorney general in two significant consumer fraud mortgage cases (Household Finance in 2002, \$484 million nationwide; and Ameriquest in 2006, \$295 million nationwide).

Attorney General Miller founded the Iowa Foreclosure Hotline, which became the Iowa Mortgage Help Hotline. He is the leader of the State Foreclosure Prevention Working Group, which consists of 12 state attorneys general and three state banking examiners.

See chapter 4 for information regarding the Department of Justice.

AUDITOR OF STATE

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www.auditor.iowa.gov



MARY MOSIMAN, CPA

*Auditor of State
Ames (R)*

Term: Expires January 2019. **Profession:** Initially appointed by Governor Terry Branstad to fill the unexpired term of her predecessor, she was elected to a full term in the November 2014 general election. Employed as a Deputy in the Secretary of State's Office for two years and served as the elected Story County Auditor for 10 years. **Education:** B.S. in Business/Accounting from Iowa State University in 1999; CPA, 2003. **Memberships and Activities:** Member of the Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, the Ames Morning Rotary, and the Ames Chamber of Commerce. Served on several professional, community, and civic organization boards and committees, including the Iowa State Association of Counties Taxation & Finance Committee, the U.S. Military Academy Selection Board, the Story County United Way Nevada Community Committee, and the Gilbert Education Foundation Board. Past president of the Nevada Rotary Club. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1962 in Ames. Resides in Ames. **Family Members:** Husband, Dan Mosiman; four daughters.

The Auditor of State is the "taxpayer's watchdog." As provided by the Iowa Constitution, the Auditor is elected to a four-year term.

The Auditor is required to annually audit each department of state government and report its financial condition. The Auditor is also to report whether funds were expended for the intended purposes, whether department activities were efficiently conducted, and whether any illegal or unbusinesslike practices were identified. The Auditor also makes recommendations for greater simplicity, accuracy, and efficiency in the operations of state government. Results are reported in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and in reports of recommendations to individual departments. A single audit report is also issued to cover all federal funds expended by the state and to report on compliance with federal requirements governing those expenditures.

School districts, cities, counties, community colleges, public hospitals, and other local governments may request an audit of their activities by the Auditor, and certain cities may request an

examination of their activities by the Auditor. When audits or examinations of local governments are performed by CPA firms, those reports must be filed with the Auditor and are subject to review by the Auditor. Based on the results of reviews performed by the Auditor, reaudits may be conducted by the Auditor. In addition, citizens of local governments may petition for an audit or reaudit. All reports issued by the Auditor or filed with the Auditor are available for public inspection in the Auditor's Office and on the Auditor's Internet site (www.auditor.iowa.gov/reports/index.html).

The office is organized into three divisions, with duties and responsibilities as follows:

Administration Division – Responsible for general management of the office, which includes fiscal management, data processing, human resource management, and audit report printing and distribution.

Financial Audit Division – Responsible for performance of the annual audits included in Iowa's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and in its Single Audit report, of all state departments and agencies, as well as audits of counties, cities, school districts, and other governmental subdivisions as requested. Also responsible for performing city examinations. The division reviews audits and examinations of governmental subdivisions performed by CPA firms, performs reaudits as needed, and provides technical assistance to private citizens, CPA firms, government officials, and other governmental agencies.

Performance Investigation Division – Responsible for conducting comprehensive performance audits of state agencies and the programs they administer. The division also investigates suspected embezzlements and conducts special studies assigned by the Auditor or requested by the Legislature.

By virtue of the office, the Auditor is a member of the State Executive Council, the State Appeal Board, the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission, and the City and County Finance Committees.

See chapter 4 for information regarding the Office of the Auditor of State.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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PAUL D. PATE

*Secretary of State
Cedar Rapids (R)*

Term: Expires January 2019. **Profession:** President and owner of Pate Asphalt Systems, based in Marion. Recognized as a Patriotic Employer by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Former Republican State Senator for Linn, Buchanan, and Delaware counties from 1989–1994. Co-chaired the Interim Committee for Juvenile Crime and Prevention and sponsored anti-stalking legislation that was enacted. Served first term as Iowa Secretary of State from 1995–1999. Initiated registry system reforms, including Biennial Corporate Report. Developed the educational outreach program “Kids Caucus,” reaching over 100,000 Iowa youth. Served two terms as mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa’s second largest city, from 2002–2006. While mayor, Pate was elected President of the Iowa League of Cities. Elected to a second term as Secretary of State in November 2014, 20 years after his first successful bid. Led efforts to institute the Safe at Home Act, an address confidentiality program that protects survivors of sexual assault, domestic abuse, trafficking, and stalking. The measure passed both chambers of the Legislature unanimously and was signed into law by the Governor in May 2017. Named 2015 Toll Fellow and co-chair of the National Association of Secretaries of State’s Standing Committee on Business Services. Instituted Iowa online voter registration in January 2016. Named co-chair of the National Association of Secretaries of State Business ID Theft Task Force in March 2016. Elected the Midwestern Region vice-president of the National Association of Secretaries of State in July 2016. Serves on the Council of State Governments’ International Relations Committee. **Education:** Graduated from Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School. Received Associate Arts Degree from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. **Memberships and Activities:** Squadron Commander for the Iowa Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Received National State Boards of Education Award for Outstanding Leadership in Voter Education in March 2017. Past Chairman of the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce, the Kirkwood College Alumni Association, and the Hawkeye Area Council Eagle Scout Association. Member of the National Association of Secretaries of State and the First United Methodist Church in Marion. Past member of the U.S. Small Business Administration District Advisory Board. Alumni Hall of Fame inductee for Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School

and Kirkwood Community College. Earned the Iowa Young Entrepreneur Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Small Business Guardian Award from the National Federation of Independent Business, and the Top 10 Outstanding Young Men of America Award from the Iowa Jaycees. Achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest ranking attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1958 in Ottumwa and resides in Cedar Rapids. **Family Members:** Wife, Jane Pate; three adult children and five grandchildren.

The Secretary of State is a constitutional officer elected every four years. Paul Pate is the 32nd Iowa Secretary of State. The secretary's responsibilities have grown dramatically since the position was first established in 1846. The Office of the Secretary of State oversees elections in Iowa and is a service center for businesses in the state.

Secretary Pate manages the Secretary of State's Office utilizing three guiding principles: service, participation, and integrity. As a successful small businessman, Secretary Pate knows first-hand the challenges that small businesses in Iowa face. The Secretary of State's Business Services Division serves as a portal for Iowa's business community. The Office helps nearly 150,000 companies annually with start-ups, corporate filings, and assisting with biennial reports. It also administers more than 138,000 Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filings each year and maintains a registry of the commissions for more than 38,000 notaries public. More than 350,000 business filings are handled by the Secretary of State's Office annually.

Secretary Pate is the Chief Elections Officer for Iowa. Candidates for all statewide offices, federal offices, legislative offices, and certain judicial offices file their nomination papers with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's Office coordinates with the auditors of all 99 Iowa counties to ensure elections run in a smooth, fair, and transparent manner. When Secretary Pate returned to the Secretary of State's Office in January 2015, he established the bipartisan Auditors' Advisory Group. The eight-member panel provides advice and counsel on key election issues and serves as a liaison between the Secretary of State and elections officials across Iowa. Secretary Pate is also the chairman of the bipartisan Voters Registration Commission. The commission oversees policies and procedures related to Iowa's voter registration system.

One of Secretary Pate's top legislative priorities, the Safe at Home program, is administered by the Secretary of State's Office. Safe at Home is an address confidentiality program for survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence. Secretary Pate travelled across the state conducting roundtable discussions with victims' advocates, law enforcement, and county officials to advocate for and receive input on implementing the Safe at Home program. The Iowa Legislature unanimously approved the Safe at Home Act during the 2015 session. Secretary Pate and his staff facilitate and oversee the program.

Bringing online voter registration to Iowa is another priority for Secretary Pate. Working with the Department of Transportation (DOT), the goal is to develop a system that will allow eligible voters who possess a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to register to vote online.

Other initiatives championed by Secretary Pate during his second term as Secretary of State include Caucus 101, an updated version of the Kids Caucus program that Secretary Pate successfully organized during his first term. Secretary Pate has also maintained and expanded the Honor a Veteran with Your Vote program.

The historic and beautifully designed Secretary of State's Office is one of the main attractions for visitors touring the Capitol. The original draft of the Iowa Constitution is encased in the office. Visitors from across the state, the country, and even from the other side of the world visit the Capitol office while participating in Capitol tours. All Iowans who are eligible to register to vote are encouraged to do so when they visit the Capitol office. This is one way Secretary Pate encourages increased voter participation. Along with the Iowa Constitution, the Office of the Secretary of State maintains many original official documents, some dating back to the early 1800s.

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TREASURER OF STATE

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MICHAEL L. FITZGERALD

*Treasurer of State
Waukee (D)*

Term: Expires January 2019. **Profession:** Serving ninth term as Treasurer of Iowa. Previously employed as a marketing analyst for Massey Ferguson Company, Des Moines, for eight years. **Education:** B.S. in business administration, University of Iowa, 1974. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT), National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), College Savings Plan Network (CSPN), Midwest Treasurers Association, and the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA). **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Marshalltown and resides in Waukee. **Family Members:** Wife, Susan Fitzgerald; one daughter and one son.

The Treasurer of State plays a primary role in the management of state resources. As the state's cash manager, the Treasurer coordinates the financial services used by state agencies and maintains custody of state funds. The Treasurer processes receipts, makes disbursements, and invests all state funds. The Treasurer accounts for state funds on a cash basis and balances the state's funds regularly with financial institutions and the Department of Administrative Services. The office also coordinates the issuance of debt by state agencies and authorities, invests bond proceeds, and manages lease-purchase financing for state agencies. The Treasurer administers the investment of two state pension funds: the Peace Officers' Retirement Fund and the Judicial Retirement Fund, serving as custodian for these funds, as well as the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Fund. The Treasurer is a voting member of the following governing bodies: State Executive Council, State Appeal Board, Peace Officers' Retirement Board, Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Board, Tobacco Settlement Authority, Honey Creek Destination Park Authority, State Records Commission, Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation, Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Board, Flood Mitigation Board, Public Funds Interest Rates Committee, and the

Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund Board. In addition, the Treasurer serves as a nonvoting member on all state finance authority boards.

The Treasurer is responsible for a variety of consumer programs. The Office administers Iowa's 529 College Savings Plans under the Iowa Educational Savings Plan Trust. The Trust was created in 1998 to provide Iowa families with a way to save for future educational expenses while providing state and federal tax incentives. Iowa has two 529 college savings plans: College Savings Iowa, sold directly; and the Iowa Advisor 529 Plan, sold through advisors. The Treasurer also manages unclaimed property reported to the office from companies across the country. Treasurer Fitzgerald created the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt in 1983 to locate owners, and has returned millions of dollars to Iowans each year. Finally, the Treasurer prepares an annual report of bonded indebtedness of state and local governments in Iowa.

See chapter 4 for information regarding the Office of the Treasurer of State.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>
Kim Reynolds, Governor	Statutory
Michael L. Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State	Statutory
Mary Mosiman, Auditor of State	Statutory
Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture	Statutory
Paul D. Pate, Secretary of State	Statutory

The Executive Council was created by the adoption of the Code of 1860. The Secretary of State acted as secretary of the council until the enactment of the Code of 1897, which provided for a secretary. Among the duties placed upon the Executive Council by the Code of Iowa are the following responsibilities, which in some instances are limited to specific situations or cases: to approve real estate transactions, to approve leases of public land, to authorize condemnation proceedings, to authorize and pay special assessments, to appoint legal counsel and special counsel, to authorize and pay court costs and litigation expenses, to settle or compromise legal claims, to approve bank depositories, to provide anticipatory and emergency funding, to administer funds, to act as the governing body for state employee insurance and benefit plans, and to canvass votes cast and required to be filed with the State Commissioner of Elections.

Report of Executive Council Secretary

Section 7D.6, Code of Iowa, provides that a report of the secretary of the Executive Council may be published in the Iowa Official Register.

The Council held 27 regular meetings and convened three times as the Official Board of Canvass in 2015, and held 29 regular meetings and convened two times as the Official Board of Canvass in 2016.

There were no corporations authorized to issue stock in exchange for property or out of surplus in 2015 or 2016.

