

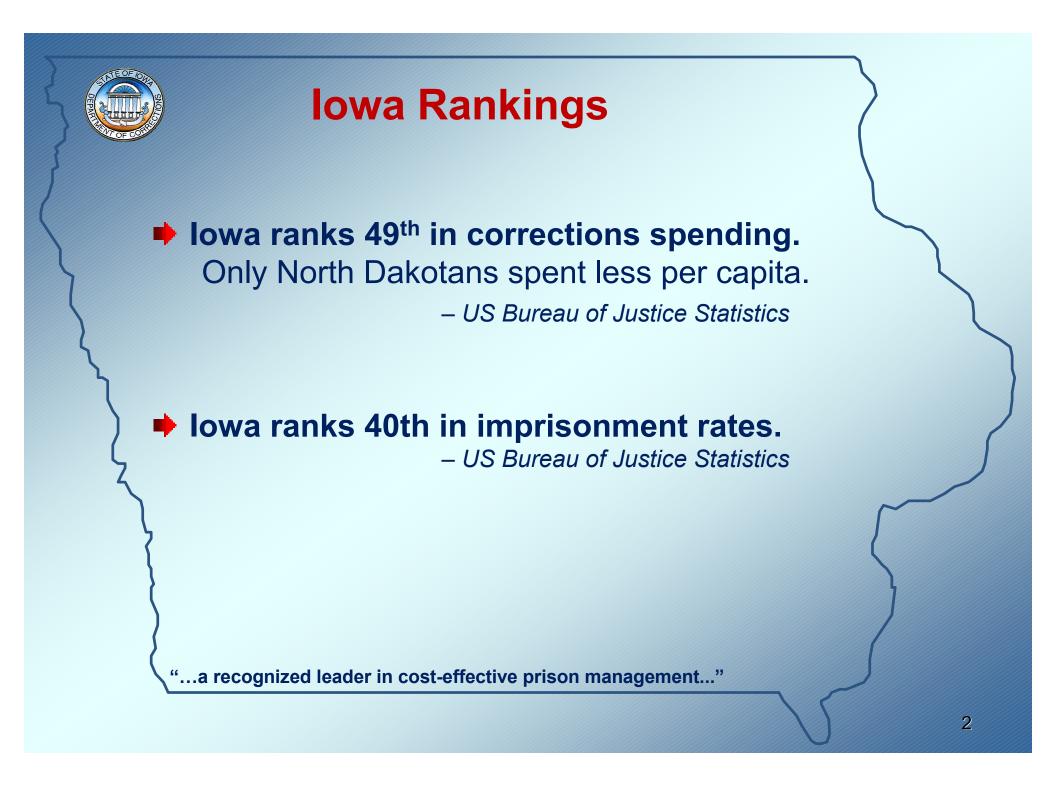
# **Tough Choices for Tough Times**

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– Public Works, Iowa Efficiencies Report December 2009

Presentation to the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee

John Baldwin, Director February 2010





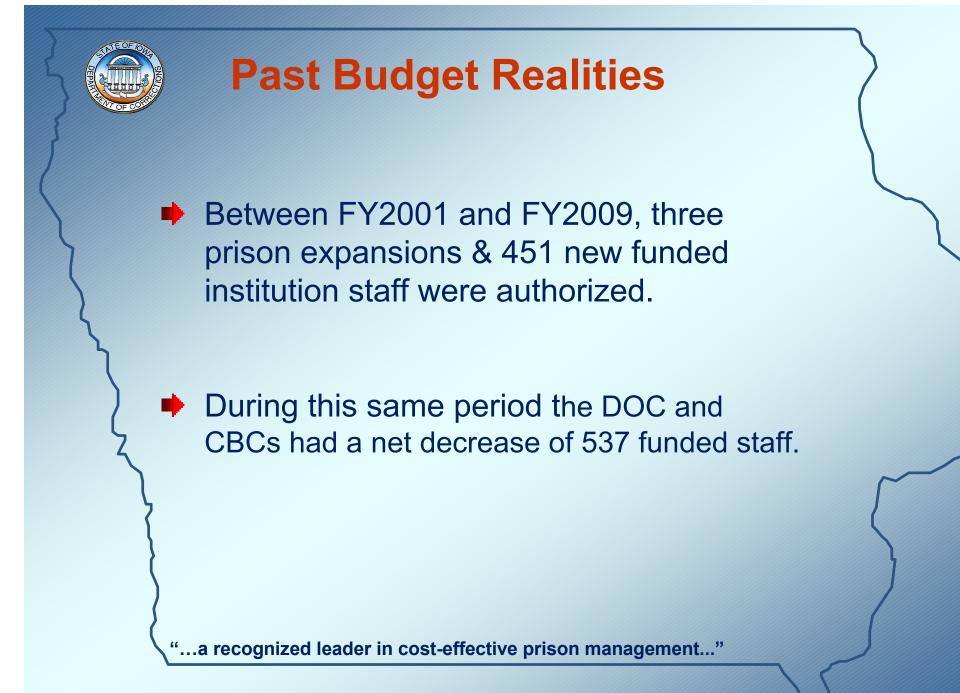
## Commitment to EBP & Reentry

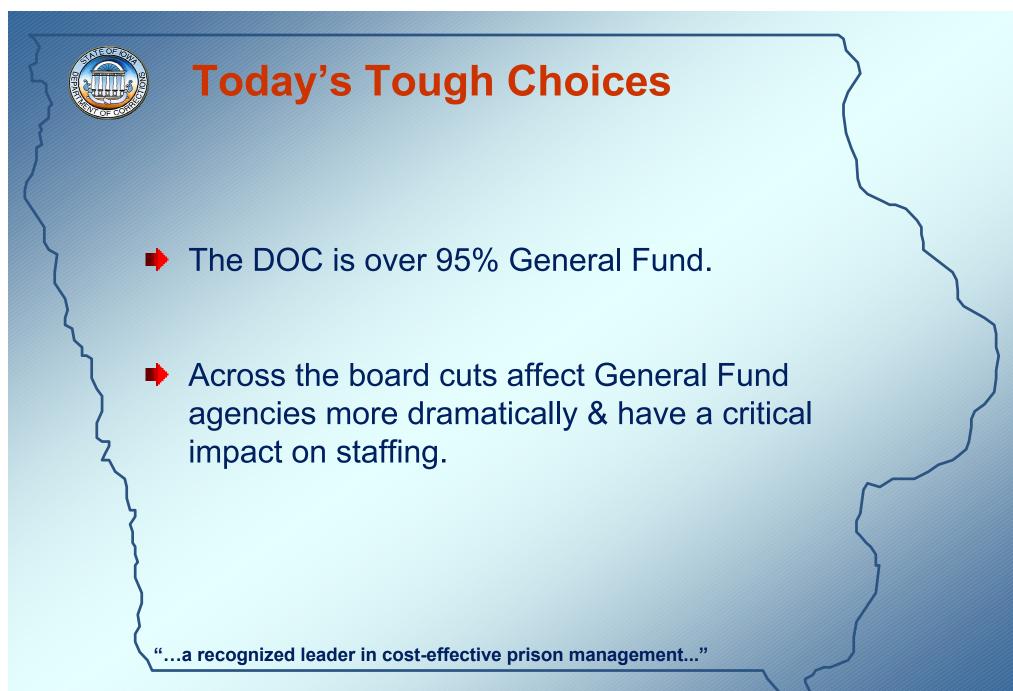
Only in Iowa has the prison population declined as a result of a change in the way we do business rather than changes in state law.

 Our focus on successful offender reentry & evidence-based practices reduces recidivism & enhances public safety.

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## **Today's Tough Choices**

- Staffing decisions directly impact security & staff and offender safety & must strike a delicate balance between:
  - ✓ Security (risk management)✓ Treatment & mental health (risk reduction)
  - ✓ Offender Reentry (risk reduction)

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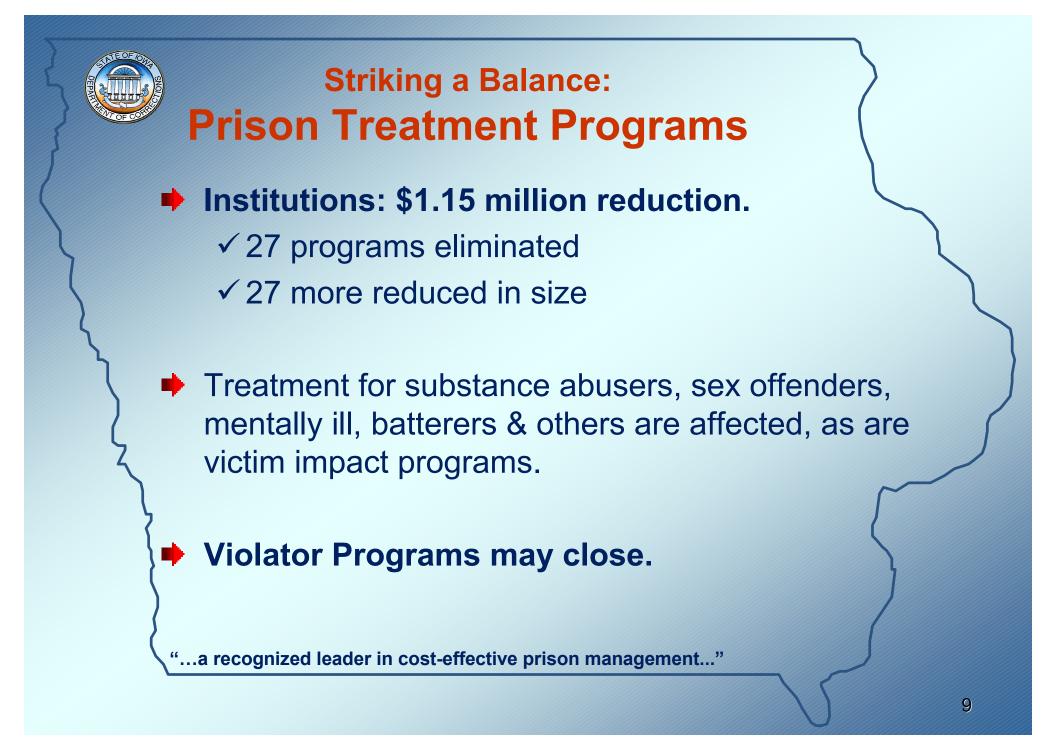
### Striking a Balance: Staffing

Number of paid positions for prisons, community corrections & central office has decreased 174\* since the start of FY2010.

\*in addition to 537 reduction in staff previously noted.

- Staffing reductions require consolidating prison living units:
  - ✓ Fort Madison Farm 1 & Farm 3
  - ✓ Anamosa LUA, LUD-B, Luster Heights
  - ✓ Clarinda SU4, Lodge
  - ✓ Mitchellville LU3, LU5
  - ✓ Mt. Pleasant W2B

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#### Striking a Balance: CBC Programs

- Community Corrections: \$2.93 million reduction (general fund only).
  - ✓ 6 programs eliminated
  - ✓ 24 more reduced
- Drug courts, offender reentry & programs for sex offenders, mentally ill, batterers & others are affected.
- Intensive supervision, specialized caseloads also affected.
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