

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 31, in its entirety. Requiring departments to submit budget requests in multiple formats is costly and time consuming. Chapter 8 of the Code of Iowa establishes the framework for construction of the budget document that is submitted to the legislature.

For the above reasons, I hereby respectfully disapprove these items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 2296 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,
TERRY E. BRANSTAD, *Governor*

CHAPTER 1226
HIGHEST ELEVATION IN STATE
H.J.R. 2004

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating by name an official highest elevation in the State of Iowa.

WHEREAS, the elevation located in Osceola County, commonly referred to as Ocheyedan Mound, and previously regarded as the unofficial highest elevation in the state has been determined not to be the highest elevation in the state; and

WHEREAS, supplemental vertical control surveys conducted by the United States Department of the Interior have determined that the actual highest elevation in the state is 1,670 feet above sea level, and is located in Osceola County approximately five miles north of the town of Sibley in Section 29, Township 100 North, Range 41 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, Iowa, as designated by the Public Land Survey System; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is regarded as one of only four states in the nation which has not designated by name an official highest elevation in the state according to the publication, "Highpoints of the United States, A Guide to the Fifty State Summits", by Don W. Holmes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has traditionally been referred to as the Hawkeye State, predating any similar designation applied by the University of Iowa to certain athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, the designation by name of an official highest elevation in the state would be of educational value to the schoolchildren and citizens of the State of Iowa, create additional tourism potential, be of historical significance, promote consistency with officially designated state symbols, provide a readily understandable alternate designation to the Public Land Survey System description, and constitute a source of state pride; NOW THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

The site located in Osceola County in Section 29, Township 100 North, Range 41 West, is recognized and shall be designated the official highest elevation in the State of Iowa.

The official highest elevation in the State of Iowa shall hereafter be designated and referred to as Hawkeye Point.

Any official state publications referencing the highest elevation in the state, or describing other state symbols or features, are encouraged to refer to the highest elevation by the official name of Hawkeye Point.

Approved March 23, 1998