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May 24, 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I love Iowa. For more than 22 years, I have been honored and privileged to serve the people of Iowa as their governor. My family and I will always be grateful to Iowans for trusting me to lead and putting their faith in me to serve.

It is with a tremendous amount of gratitude that I resign as Governor of the State of Iowa, effective immediately, in order to serve our country as U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Iowa's future is bright under the leadership of Kim Reynolds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: The Honorable Jack Whitver, President, Iowa Senate
The Honorable Linda L. Upmeyer, Speaker, Iowa House
The Honorable Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice, Iowa Supreme Court

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