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The Iowa Public Information Board Celebrates Sunshine Week in Iowa

The Iowa Public Information Board be highlighting Sunshine Week in Iowa at their monthly Board meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The short presentation at the beginning of the meeting will reflect upon the creation and early days of the Board's work to promote transparency including the reading of the Governor's proclamation.

Sunshine Week is a nationwide event to educate the public about the importance of open government and transparency. It coincides each year with James Madison's birthday, and National Freedom of Information Day. Sunshine Week is a celebration of access to information and what it means for communities and citizens in our state and across the country. It provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of access to information as a cornerstone of democracy.

In the proclamation issued this week by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recognizing Sunshine Week, she writes, "the protection of every person's right of access to public records and government meetings is a high priority of the state of Iowa and the Iowa Public Information Board."

The Governor went on to proclaim March 15-21, 2021 as Sunshine Week in Iowa and to commemorate the anniversary of James Madison's birth. "Throughout the year, our state will work to support public access to government records, increase information provided electronically, and ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies are fully noticed and open to the public."

The Iowa Public Information Board was created in 2012 to provide a free, efficient way for Iowans to receive information and resolve complaints related to Iowa's open meetings and public records laws. It promotes and educates Iowans about transparency within our government. The IPIB works with Iowa's governmental bodies, the media, and the citizenry at large. The vast majority of complaints are settled informally, with a negotiated compromise that satisfies both parties, reduces community conflict, and results in increased government transparency. For more information about the IPIB, please visit: www.ipib.iowa.gov.

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