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Dear Iowans,

Together, we can make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation. For us to reach that goal, we must address the second leading cause of death in our state – cancer. This Iowa Cancer Plan, newly revised for 2023-2027, serves as a guide for how each of us can contribute to reducing the cancer burden for individuals and communities in our state.

## Cancer affects us all.

Throughout this plan, you'll read stories of Iowans whose lives have been changed by cancer. These courageous, triumphant, and sometimes heartbreaking stories inform and inspire us, but they also serve a greater purpose – sharing the experience of cancer to make a difference for others.

The plan also outlines how we can identify and reduce barriers ensuring all Iowans know how and where to access care and preventative services. We need to work together to ensure all Iowans can live their healthiest life.

Here are some steps you can take no matter who you are:

- Share the stories and information within this plan.
- Share your own story.
- Participate in cancer prevention and control in any way you can.
- Join the Iowa Cancer Consortium.
- Advocate for resources and encourage partnerships within cancer work.

I commend the Iowa Cancer Consortium, the Iowa Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, their partners, and the passionate individuals and organizations whose collaborative efforts reduce the burden of cancer for all Iowans. To ensure a healthier future for all Iowans, we must continue to hear one another's stories, tell our own, and most importantly, work together.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds

Governor of the State of Iowa

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