

## Home Rule Proclamation

Whereas, Home Rule is essential to effective and responsive municipal governance in Iowa and provides flexibility to make decisions at the local level, where decisions are made closest to the people they impact and can be tailored to fit local conditions, needs and concerns in order to better serve taxpayers;

Whereas, the City of Knoxville supports Home Rule and the powers it provides to make local decisions that best reflect the residents of our community;

Whereas, the citizens of Iowa approved the adoption of Home Rule in the Constitution of Iowa on November 5, 1968;

Whereas, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of municipal Home Rule in Iowa;

Whereas, Home Rule continues to be vital to the health and prosperity of all cities in Iowa;

Now, therefore, I, Brian Hatch, Mayor of Knoxville, IA do hereby recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of municipal Home Rule in Iowa and proudly support its continued authority.

