



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 Earlham 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 50th 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, Jeff Lillie, Mayor of Earlham, Iowa, do hereby recognize the 50th Anniversary of municipal Home Rule in Iowa and proudly support its continued authority.

Jeff Lillie, Mayor

Date



News Release

For Immediate Release

Earlham Passes Proclamation Marking 50th Anniversary of Home Rule in Iowa

Historic Home Rule Constitutional Amendment Granted Local Control to Cities in Iowa

The City of Earlham joined cities from across the State of Iowa to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Home Rule Amendment to Iowa's State Constitution by passing a proclamation stating, "Home Rule is essential to effective and responsive municipal governance in all cities in Iowa," and that local control "continues to be vital to the health and prosperity of all cities in Iowa."

In 1968, the Home Rule Amendment was passed by the citizens of Iowa and constitutionalized local control in the state. This transitioned Iowa from a Dillon's Rule state, where local government powers are derived exclusively from the state legislature, to a Home Rule state where local government powers are derived from the State Constitution.

"quote from the mayor or other city leadership talking about how local control has been important to your city. Perhaps through nuisance abatement or planning and zoning or another local ordinance," said name, title.

"Local Control is what gives citizens a voice in their local communities. Home Rule, or local control, truly empowers residents and leaders at the city level to make the decisions that best fit their community," explains Alan Kemp, executive director of the Iowa League of Cities.

The proclamation was unanimously passed and read aloud at the city council meeting on July 9, 2018. The Iowa League of Cities will also mark the 50th Anniversary of this historic constitutional amendment at events throughout 2018.

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