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State of Iowa to recognize those 100 years or older

Des Moines, Iowa (August 26, 2019) – In an effort to recognize Iowans who are celebrating 100 years or more of life, the Iowa Department on Aging and the state's Area Agencies on Aging are planning 6 regional Centenarian Recognition events to be held in the following locations:

Des Moines: Sept. 9, 2019 4:00PM
Prairie Meadows Event & Convention Center

Arnolds Park: Sept. 26, 2019 12:00PM
Calvary United Methodist Church

Ottumwa: Nov. 2, 2019 11:30AM
Bridge View Center

Orient: Nov. 6, 2019 11:30AM
Historic Wallace Center Gathering Barn

Calmar: Nov. 13, 2019 12:00PM
Northeast Iowa Community College, Wilder Building

Cedar Falls: Oct. 4, 2019 12:00PM
Nazareth Lutheran Church

"We are so fortunate to have such a large number of centenarians in Iowa," said Iowa Department on Aging Director Linda Miller. "They have lived through things many of us have only read about in books or seen in movies; their collective wisdom and experience is an inspiration to us all. We can learn so much from these men and women who have helped make Iowa the great state that it is."

To assist the State of Iowa in recognizing centenarians, the public is encouraged to inform a centenarian, or the person's family or caregiver, about this call for centenarians and where to access and submit an application. The application is posted on the Iowa Department on Aging's website at www.iowaaging.gov or may be requested by calling (800) 532-3213 or emailing dax.oberreuter@iowa.gov. For the purposes of this program, a centenarian is any older adult who will be 100 or older by Dec. 31, 2019, and whose primary residence is Iowa. Each centenarian will receive a certificate signed by Governor Reynolds that is suitable for framing and will be invited to attend a Centenarian Recognition event.

The Iowa Department on Aging accepts forms on an ongoing basis for centenarians to be included in the statewide Centenarian Registry, but to receive an invitation to one of this year's Centenarian Recognition Events and a signed certificate from the Governor, applications must be received by September 6th. Please contact the Iowa Department on Aging at (800)532-3213 if you have questions.

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The Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) is an executive branch agency dedicated to making Iowa the premier state in which to live and retire. To meet that goal, the IDA works closely with the Iowa Commission on Aging and Iowa's six Agencies on Aging to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that helps individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities. More information is available at www.iowaaging.gov.