

**PROCLAMATION  
BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH  
MARCH 2017**

- WHEREAS,** Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), often referred to as “the silent epidemic,” is a leading cause of injury-related death and disability in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, more than 3.1 million children and adults in the United States live with a lifelong disability as a result of TBI and 6.4 million have a disability due to stroke; and
- WHEREAS,** this translates to more than 95,000 Iowans living with disability from acquired brain injury, which is more than the population of Iowa City; and
- WHEREAS,** Brain Injury Awareness Month, which takes place in March each year, is designed to shine a spotlight on brain injury, to de-stigmatize the injury, empower those who have survived, and promote the many types of support that are available; and
- WHEREAS,** the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa offers numerous area support groups to survivors, families and caregivers, including a virtual support group; citizens can learn about the Alliance’s resources at [www.biaia.org](http://www.biaia.org).

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that we, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, do proclaim the month of **March 2017** as:

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in Johnson County, Iowa, and urge all citizens to learn about brain injuries and advocate for survivors. The Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa will host Brain Injury Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 21, to educate legislators about the needs of Iowans with brain injury and their families.

Signed this 7th day of March, 2017, in Johnson County, Iowa.

Janelle Rettig, Chairperson  
Johnson County Board of Supervisors

