

# LINN COUNTY



## PROCLAMATION

### Derecho Remembrance Day

**Whereas**, many parts of the Midwest, including Iowa and Linn County, were affected by a severe derecho storm that swept through the state on Monday, August 10, 2020; and

**Whereas**, the derecho unleashed sustained winds and gusts between 90-140 mph for up to 45 minutes causing extensive damage and power outages for hundreds of thousands of people, including Linn County residents and businesses; and

**Whereas**, in addition to structural damage, downed trees and widespread power outages, the strong winds resulted in major agricultural losses for farmers; and

**Whereas**, the agricultural losses vaulted the estimated damage cost from the derecho to \$7.5 billion making it the costliest severe thunderstorm weather disaster to hit the United States in at least four decades, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

**Whereas**, the derecho has changed the appearance of much of Linn County, including our local county and city parks, street trees, and private yards, homes, and businesses, all experiencing widespread devastation, not to mention the emotional anguish and anxiety that continues to linger for many in our community; and

**Whereas**, it is our obligation to do the best we can on our path to recovery and collaborate with many organizations in our quest to rebuild a resilient and sustainable Linn County, so future generations will be able to appreciate the natural resource as we did previously;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Linn County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim August 10, 2021 as **Derecho Remembrance Day** in Linn County and call upon all residents and visitors to commit to proactive disaster preparation and to learn about and take action that advances environmental sustainability.

Linn County Board of Supervisors

  
Chairperson

