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The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities Applauds Governor Terry Branstad’s Iowa Cybersecurity Strategy

AUGUST 8, 2016 (Des Moines) – The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) applauds the efforts of Governor Terry Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, and the State of Iowa to enhance statewide cybersecurity and share best practices.

Municipal utilities across our state are dedicated to providing their customers with the highest quality service possible. In many cases, this includes a move toward technology and Internet-based payment systems, customer service interfaces, and more. As the utility industry becomes increasingly technology-dependent, however, the threat of a cybersecurity breach grows.

“Much like tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters, cyber attacks are difficult to predict and can wreak havoc on families, businesses, and communities alike,” said Timothy Whipple, general counsel for IAMU. “Preparedness is a key defense, and at IAMU we are working with local utilities to implement safeguards and response procedures that ensure the safety of our customers, the protection of private information, and the reliability of our services.”

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Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) represents over 750 municipal electric, gas, water, storm water, and broadband utilities statewide. Organized in 1947, IAMU represents municipal utility interests before the Iowa Legislature, administers disaster assistance, provides employee trainings, and assists in the formulation and implementation of energy efficiency programs.