PROCLAMATION Stewardship Week healthy, fertile soil and clean water is the lifeblood of nutrition and WHEREAS. sustenance throughout the world, and soil conservation is a benefit to everyone; and, WHEREAS. effective conservation practices ensure soil, water, animals, plants, and air can provide a rich standard of living; and WHEREAS. our survival and continued production and access to quality food and water depends upon the robust management of diverse natural resources nationwide; and, stewardship calls upon every individual to help conserve these WHEREAS. precious resources to ensure their prosperity for generations to come; and, a focus on restoring and protecting native habitats plays a vital role WHEREAS, in maintaining biodiversity, supporting pollinators, and enhancing ecosystem health, thereby strengthening the foundation for longterm soil and water conservation efforts; and. the theme for the 2025 Stewardship Week is "Home is Where the WHEREAS. Habitat Is," emphasizing the essential role of both natural and managed habitats in sustaining healthy ecosystems. This theme highlights that our homes-whether urban, rural, or wild-depend on the health of the habitats around us, and that protecting these habitats ensures a thriving environment for all living things; NOW THEREFORE, the Dubuque County Supervisors of Dubuque IA, do hereby proclaim the week of April 27 - May 4, 2025, as Stewardship Week, with an emphasis on the importance of preserving and restoring native habitats as part of our collective conservation efforts, and celebrating the theme "Home is Where the Habitat Is." **DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** Proglamation adopted this 21st day of April 2025 ATTEST: **Dubuque County Auditor**

