

# A Message from Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds



Iowa recognizes and has identified energy as a key resource and area of strategic importance to the state's economy and economic development efforts. Iowa is already a national leader in wind energy and biodiesel and ethanol production. State leaders want to ensure that we continue to lead well into the future. One way to make that happen is to develop a statewide, comprehensive energy plan that outlines clear goals and strategies to keep energy costs low and further facilitate economic development.

I am proud to have chaired our statewide energy planning effort, along with leadership support from board members of the Iowa Partnership for Economic Progress, and representatives from the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Department of Transportation. The Plan solidifies Iowa's place as a global trailblazer for energy initiatives. Creation of the statewide energy plan will keep Iowa at the forefront of energy policy and will allow our state to develop a forward path for the future.

Iowans have been extremely supportive of this effort to take a comprehensive look at our current and future energy needs and options. Six public forums were held around the state, with hundreds of Iowans participating, and another 48 Iowans served on working groups to help identify potential strategies that could become important parts of Iowa's energy future.

The collaboration experienced in the Iowa Energy Plan process is not unusual in Iowa. We know that the results are always better when we work together to find common ground, agree on joint priorities and partner to find the best solutions for moving forward.

Ensuring that our state remains in a leadership position in the national energy market is vital for the future growth of our state. The time is now to continue to build on Iowa's successes by charting a sustainable and predictable course for tomorrow. The culmination of much collaboration amongst stakeholders is reflected in the Iowa Energy Plan. Now, the exciting and impactful work begins!

The Governor's office looks forward to working with Iowa's stakeholders on strategy implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Reynolds". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**Kim Reynolds**  
**Lieutenant Governor**  
**State of Iowa**