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To Whom it May Concern,

The State of Iowa continues its commitment to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) principles. The Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) uses a proactive approach toward zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in all IDOC facilities. This includes implementing systems to identify victims and predators and track, communicate, and document follow-up care to victims of sexual assault and sexual harassment more efficiently. These efforts contribute to a safer Iowa.

The IDOC has adopted policies and procedures that meet the final PREA standards. Prior to 2022, all IDOC correctional facilities had undergone audits and were in full compliance.

Three correctional facilities were audited this year during Audit Year 1 of Cycle 4. The three facilities audited during this cycle are Iowa Medical Classification Center, Newton Correctional Facility, and North Central Correctional Facility which all are in Compliance with PRE standards.

The importance of eliminating sexual abuse in correctional facilities is fully understood by the IDOC and this agency will continue partnering with the DOJ to meet the PREA standards.

Sincerely.

Kim Reynolds

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