



# Proclamation

OF THE JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL

## NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 4

**WHEREAS**, invasive aquatic, riparian, and terrestrial species influence the productivity, value, and management of a broad range of land and water resources in Johnston, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs to prevent, monitor, and control invasive species combined with the costs to crop damage, fisheries, forests, and other resources cost the U.S. \$120 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, after habitat destruction, invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species within the City of Johnston; including garlic mustard, bush honeysuckle and multiflora rose, threaten the survival of native plants and animals, and interfere with ecosystem functions by changing processes such as fire, nutrient flow, and flooding; and

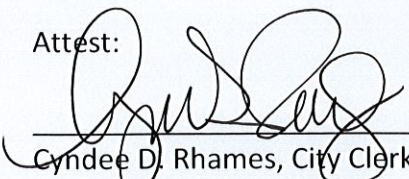
**WHEREAS**, invasive species are a significant threat to almost half of all native species currently listed as federally endangered; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species impair infrastructure and impede transportation, water delivery systems, and energy production; and

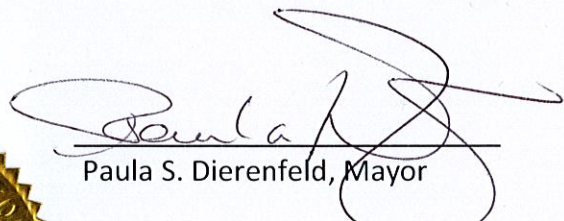
**WHEREAS**, invasive species impede industry, threaten agriculture, obstruct outdoor recreation, endanger human health, and become increasingly harder to control due to rapid global commercialization and human travel.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Paula Dierenfeld, Mayor of the City of Johnston, Iowa, do hereby proclaim February 28 through March 4, 2022, as National Invasive Species Awareness Week. I encourage residents to participate in National Invasive Species Awareness Week to promote knowledge and understanding of the threats posed by invasive species.

Attest:

  
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Cyndee D. Rhames, City Clerk



  
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Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor