



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF IOWA
Governor Kim Reynolds

February 5, 2025

Dan Marx, Sheriff
Winneshiek County Sheriff's Officer
400 Claiborne Drive
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors
201 W. Main Street
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Dear Supervisors and Sheriff Marx:

It has come to my attention that on February 4, 2025, the Sheriff posted the attached letter on social media which indicates the sheriff's office will not comply with a detainer request from U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a federal law enforcement agency.

I direct your attention to Iowa Code chapter 27A on enforcement of immigration laws. Specifically, Iowa law provides a sheriff shall not adopt or enforce a policy or take any other action under which the sheriff prohibits or discourages the enforcement of immigration laws. Iowa law further requires that a sheriff shall not prohibit or discourage a law enforcement officer from assisting or cooperating with a federal immigration officer as reasonable or necessary, including providing enforcement assistance.

Based on the sheriff's posted policy, this letter shall be treated as a complaint I am filing with the attorney general pursuant to Iowa Code §27A.8. Understand that a sheriff and county can become ineligible to receive any state funds if the local entity is found to have intentionally violated the provisions of chapter 27A.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Brenna Bird, Attorney General