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Under the Golden Dome **Summer Edition #3**

Hi friends,

Summer is in full swing, but so are my legislative duties. The month of June was busy on several fronts, with several constituent meetings, legislative planning sessions, and regular business responsibilities, the time flew. We were blessed with 5 of our grandchildren for the entire month, as well. Life is complicated but full of excitement!

As you are all probably aware, in a 3-3 ruling, the Iowa Supreme Court upheld an injunction against the 2018 “Heartbeat” bill. The ruling did not say the law was unconstitutional, but that the justices were “uncertain” about the intent of the legislature. With an extremely unusual interpretation, one justice called the law “hypothetical” because the current legislature had not passed a similar bill. If this “logic” were applied to all law, any section of the Iowa Code could be thrown out as “hypothetical” unless each section of the Code were passed in each General Assembly of the legislature.

The result of this judiciary over-reach, the Governor, by proclamation, has called a special session to convene tomorrow. Click to see: [Proclamation of Special Session](#)

The proposed legislation is available here [HSB255](#).

There will be a committee meeting, sub-committee and public hearing just as it’s done in a regular session.

A couple of lessons I have learned in my first session in Des Moines:

- 1) demands of extremes on both sides get us farther apart, making it harder to find common ground*
- 2) the media and lobbyists will say anything to move their people to donate to their cause--truth is optional; hyperbole is king.*

There are groups on one extreme demanding abortion until birth (and until age 2) and groups on the other extreme demanding fertilized eggs in a petri dish have citizen protection. Neither extreme is appropriate or just. There is not a “one size fits all” solution to any of our challenges.

Roe v. Wade was passed when I was in college. We heard horror stories of back-street abortions and fathers beating their pregnant daughters. We were told that the “blob of cells” could be manipulated thru scientific intervention to become another type of animal. BTW - these things were taught by my science professors as “fact.”

We have come a long way with invitro surgery, survival at younger and younger gestation periods, measures of fetal pain and distress, etc. DNA has further shown us the fallacy of several “medical assertions” made 50 years ago. We now KNOW each fetus is a unique child with DNA different from the mother.

The questions at hand are:

When does life begin?

When should a child be considered a life? What should we do to protect the mother?

Should abortion be a medical procedure or a convenient birth control option?

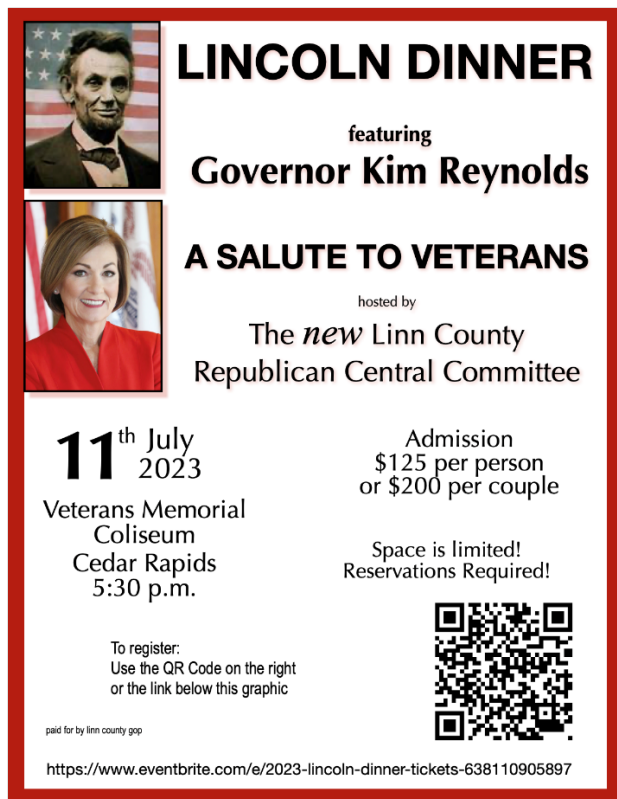
How do we care for rape or incest victims?

We will be debating these questions this week.


I will continue to carefully and prayerfully consider the legislation brought before us, knowing that lives of mothers and their children are at stake.

Upcoming events:


Several Presidential candidates are making their way across Iowa. Regardless of your political affiliation or personal preferences, I encourage you to go to their events. As Iowans, we have a unique opportunity to see them without the filter of the media. Ask the hard questions. Decide for yourself which of the candidates best represents your values.



LINCOLN DINNER
featuring
Governor Kim Reynolds



A SALUTE TO VETERANS
hosted by
The *new* Linn County
Republican Central Committee




11th July
2023
Veterans Memorial
Coliseum
Cedar Rapids
5:30 p.m.

Admission
\$125 per person
or \$200 per couple

Space is limited!
Reservations Required!

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-lincoln-dinner-tickets-638110905897>

Use the QR Code above or click [HERE](#) to register.

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Have a wonderful week!

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