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To Iowa County Auditors, Recorders, and Treasurers:

Thank you for the critical work you and your offices perform for the people of Iowa.

It is critical to Iowa's economy that county auditors, recorders, treasurers, and courthouses remain accessible and maintain minimal operations throughout the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Given the central role county officials play in our real estate industry and larger economy, a discontinuation of these services could have a devastating impact on Iowa.

Iowans, financial institutions, realtors, and abstractors rely on county offices to file and record documents as the official records. And without these offices operating in some manner, Iowa Title Guaranty will not be able to provide title coverage to Iowa consumers and lenders

I'm writing to strongly encourage you to ensure your offices and the full range of vital services you provide are open and accessible to Iowans. Failure to do so could have a damaging impact on Iowa's long term economy. And if there are any regulatory barriers that you would request that I remove or other assistance that I can provide to help you maintain these essential services, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff.

During these uncertain times, I am grateful that Iowa has outstanding public officials at the local level, who are committed to both protecting the health and safety of Iowans and to the continuity of essential government services.

If you have questions, requests, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Joel Anderson on my staff at 515-452-2932 or joel.anderson@iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor