
Proclamation of Solidarity and Support

City of Bloomfield, Iowa

WHEREAS, the City of Albia, Iowa, suffered the heartbreaking loss of a historic building due to a devastating fire that not only consumed bricks and mortar, but also a cherished piece of the city's cultural and architectural identity; and

WHEREAS, Albia's historic square has long stood as a symbol of pride, resilience, and community spirit, not just for Albia, but for all of southern Iowa, representing the enduring character of small towns that preserve their past while building for the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomfield, Iowa, recognizes that the loss of a historic structure is not merely a physical event; it is an emotional rupture in the shared memory of a community, and a moment that calls for unity, empathy, and neighborly support; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Albia and Bloomfield share more than geographic proximity—we share a deep respect for our heritage, a commitment to preserving what matters, and a belief that rural communities thrive best when they lift one another in times of need; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield stands with Albia as they mourn the loss, assess the damage, and begin the long but hopeful process of restoration and remembrance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BLOOMFIELD, IOWA:

That the City of Bloomfield extends its heartfelt condolences, unwavering solidarity, and public support to the citizens of Albia, Iowa. We honor the legacy of what was lost, and we offer our friendship and assistance as your community begins the work of rebuilding—not just the building, but the spirit it represents.

Let this proclamation serve as a visible sign that you do not walk alone. Your story continues, and your neighbors are here to help write the next chapter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bloomfield to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor of Bloomfield, Iowa:

City Council Members, City of Bloomfield, Iowa: