



# Woodbury County Resolution Honoring Andrew Pearson

*Resolution #13,785*

WHEREAS, Andrew Pearson recently retired in July of 2024 from a lifelong career of service, education, ministry, and justice in Sioux City; and

WHEREAS, Andrew overcame a childhood and diversity in which his faith and resiliency helped him overcome trial and discrimination succeeding at age 13 to be a "Boy of the Year" finalist, the only youth selected nationally from a five-state region of the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Andrew served Woodbury County Sheriff's Office for 7 years with honor and justice as a jailer in the Woodbury County Law Enforcement Center Jail; and

WHEREAS, Andrew served as a Juvenile Court Officer helping troubled youth to overcome their own adversity with his experiences of resiliency and faith; and

WHEREAS, alongside with principals in positional leadership such as Dr. Mike Rogers, Tom McGuire, and Erica Somsky, Andrew exemplified volitional leadership for over 27 years in the Sioux City School District by counseling kids from every walk of life, engaging them in office visits, on the playground, and in the afterschool weight room and earning Staff Member of the Month in February of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is the husband to Sandra Pearson who leads the Martin Luther King, Jr. choir and the Pearsons together have been a grace through music, prayer, song, and love; and

WHEREAS, Andrew continues to be a dedicated husband, father, son, brother, and friend as well as a pastoral presence by being the church in the lives of those walking through difficulties who in the darkest of times are graced by the light of the Pearson family; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors wishes Andrew Pearson, his wife Sandra, and their entire family all the best in a well-deserved retirement from service in Woodbury County, the Juvenile Court System, and from the Sioux City School District as he continues to affect the lives of so many in our community.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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