



Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Mayor Stines' Independence Day Message: Celebrate Safely

Mayor Elijah Stines issued the following statement today about this year's Independence Day:

"It was Herbert Hoover, a fellow Iowan and the 31st President of the United States, who said, 'Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity.' This Independence Day, like each one before it and those yet to come, is an opportunity for each of us to celebrate our freedom and the human spirit and dignity that it affords.

"Though we are celebrating the 248th year of America's independence, freedom is a timeless concept. As Herbert Hoover's words suggest, freedom is the very foundation of the human spirit and our human dignity.

"Freedom grants us the ability to think, speak, and act without undue restraint. And, yet, freedom brings with it the responsibility that we respect the dignity of others and care for their needs. For those who plan to celebrate with fireworks, please remember that the highest ideals of freedom can be demonstrated in the most simple ways. Recognize that not everyone appreciates fireworks, which can induce post-traumatic stress for military veterans who have served in combat. Frightened pets may be injured or get lost trying to escape loud, unexpected explosions.

"Be respectful of others and celebrate responsibly to protect your well being and theirs. On behalf of our city staff and the members of the Boone City Council, have happy and, above all, a safe Independence Day."

###