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Iowans For D.C. Statehood Partnering with Washington D.C. Organization, 51 For 51, in RAGBRAI Festivities July 20 – 27

Des Moines, IA – Iowans For D.C. Statehood is an Iowa non-profit working to educate and engage Iowans in support of statehood for Washington D.C. They will have a team in this year's RAGBRAI in Iowa and plan to have a booth in most overnight towns along the route, an opportunity to interact with tens of thousands of bicyclists riding across the state in July.

A new national campaign, 51 for 51, launched a multi-state effort for D.C. Statehood and is working in key primary states to elevate the issue. 51 for 51 demands that the Senate amend its rules so that 51 votes is enough to pass a DC statehood bill in the Senate.

“We are very excited to partner with 51 for 51 on RAGBRAI and future projects here in Iowa. Our missions line up, and I am a big believer of not reinventing the wheel. We will be able to accomplish so much more working together. With our local grassroots movement already in place and developed networking, combined with their expertise and resources, we can really make something happen that will inspire other individuals and states,” said Tamyra Harrison, President and Founder of Iowans For D.C. Statehood. “There is very real momentum happening that we have to keep building on. Statehood for the people of D.C. is a fight that has been going on far too long, but right now you can sense a change, a shift, and you can see the path to get there. Campaigns like 51 for 51 and ours just need to light and lead the way.”

WHO: Iowans For D.C. Statehood and 51 For 51

WHAT: Partnering on RAGBRAI and future projects here in Iowa

When: RAGBRAI is July 20 – 27, 2019.

Where: It begins in Council Bluffs, IA. Thousands of bicyclists travel across the state with overnight stops in Atlantic, Winterset, Indianola, Centerville, Fairfield, Burlington and ending in Keokuk.