

# Why Do Iowans Care About D.C. Statehood?

This is the number one question we get asked. The better questions... **Why doesn't everyone?** 

#### Over 700,000 Americans are not represented in Congress.

- More people live in D.C. than either Vermont or Wyoming almost as many as North Dakota or Alaska
- > Of these residents...
  - Less than 25% work in the federal government
  - o Most are schoolteachers, labor workers, janitors, cab drivers, small business owners and more.
- ➤ Either we believe in a democratic, representative government, or we do not!

#### How can DC become a state?

- ➤ By an act of Congress signed by the President. H.R. 51 has 218 voting co-sponsors enough to pass the House. The same way that every state has since 1791
- ➤ There will still be a 'Federal Enclave' as required by the Constitution to include the treasured national buildings; the Capitol, White House, Supreme Court, the Mall, and key monuments. The surrounding area where people live, and work would become the new state.

#### Is it Constitutional to reduce the size of the District of Columbia?

Yes! The Constitution sets only a maximum size, "ten miles square" for the federal district to be the "Seat of the Government of the United States". Congress has the authority to redefine the borders, as it did in 1846 when it ceded the portion west of the Potomac River to Virginia.

### Why is statehood important to the people of Washington DC?

- ➤ In November 2016, with DC's highest voter turnout ever, 86% of DC voters voted in favor of statehood.
- They raise families, care for their elderly, commute to jobs, go shopping just like anywhere in the US
- They are required to fulfill all the obligations of US citizenship pay taxes (per capita the highest in the country), serve in the military, yet have no voting member of the House or Senate to represent them.
- ➤ Any one Member of Congress can nullify local legislation. Congress limits use of locally raised taxes.
- ➤ Criminal & Civil matters are the jurisdiction of The Superior Court and Court of Appeals created by Congress with misdemeanors (mostly traffic related) prosecuted by the D.C. Office of the Attorney General. All felonies and other cases are prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney General's Office.
- > D.C. Veterans have no star on the flag of the country they fight for and given to families of the fallen.

# In Iowa, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to raise awareness on important issues and bring them into the national dialogue.

## What can you do?

- > Speak up! Tell family, friends, elected officials & candidates this is a priority and you support it!
- ➤ Volunteer! Help us spread the word and build support across the state!
- ➤ **Donate!** Your donations make it possible for us to engage people across Iowa! www.iowansfordcstatehood.com/our-supporters

#### Resolution Submission Form - Iowans For D.C. Statehood

This form is provided as an aid to submitting and recording proposed resolutions for the platform. Please

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<b>WHEREAS</b> , in 2015, Iowa became dedicated to fighting for D.C. stately		the District of Columbia	with an organization
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Resolution: THEREFORE, BE IT Congress to support Statehood and residents of the District of Columbi rights that the people of the 50 Unit	full democracy for the a full Congressional vo	District of Columbia tha	t will guarantee to the
<b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> ; supporting D.C. statehood as preser			<u> </u>
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