



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1875, John Fletcher Ankeny and his wife, Sarah Ankeny, platted 80 acres on which the City of Ankeny was originally developed; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1881 Ankeny had seven homes, a store, a church, a livery stable, a depot, a rooming house, a school, and a population of 50 people; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Ankeny has a population of 76,207, and is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in the state of Iowa that is a thriving community with multiple major employers, excellent quality of life, and a great place to live; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sesquicentennial through partnerships with organizations and businesses and dedicated volunteer efforts will recognize our history, share our community's unique aspects, and develop existing and new events for the whole community; and

**WHEREAS**, a Sesquicentennial Celebration will be held Saturday, July 12, 2025; and

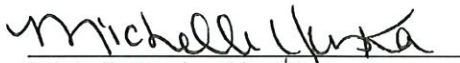
**WHEREAS**, the City of Ankeny will be 150 years old in 2025 and the Sesquicentennial will celebrate Ankeny's history, community accomplishments and bright future.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim this, the year of 2025 be known as Ankeny Sesquicentennial Year in Ankeny, Iowa and call upon the people of Ankeny to join their friends and neighbors throughout this community in celebrating the history and the future of our city.

**DATED AND SIGNED** this 7th day of July, 2025.

  
Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

