



# NATIONAL GRANGE

OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

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## GRANGE MONTH 2017 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Grange celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday throughout the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as Grange Month, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this annual celebration of Grange Month by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy E. Huber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "B".

Betsy E. Huber, National Master

*Elevating rural interests since 1867*