



## Grange Month 2020

WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness; 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 and improvement of rural healthcare in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of neighborhoods across the country, cultivating connections between people, communities, and organizations; 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, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; 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, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby proclaim April 2020 as  
Grange Month, and further I do encourage the participation  
of all members of the community in this celebration of  
Grange past and future.