

Date: July 14, 2025

Memorandum to: Executive Council, State of Iowa
The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa
Hon. Paul D. Pate, Secretary of State
Hon. Roby Smith, Treasurer of State
Hon. Mike Naig, Secretary of Agriculture
Hon. Rob Sand, Auditor of State

Subject: Permission to serve wine at World Food Prize Ceremony and
Dinner at the Iowa State Capitol on October 23, 2025

In accordance with action by the state legislature, this memorandum is to officially request permission for the World Food Prize Foundation to serve wine at the dinner and reception which it will host at the Iowa State Capitol on October 23, 2025, as part of its annual Laureate Award Ceremony.

Ever since permission was first given in 2000 for the World Food Prize Foundation to hold its Laureate Award Ceremony and Dinner at the State Capitol, the legislature has each year passed a joint resolution authorizing the serving of wine at the dinner and reception immediately following the ceremony in the Rotunda (with the exception of 2001 and 2002 when the ceremony took place at other locations, due to restoration work being done on the Capitol building).

During the 2009 legislative session, the legislature included language in a bill (Senate File 478) indicating that henceforth this decision should be directed to the Executive Council. That bill became law on July 1, 2009. In accordance with that legislation, we are now forwarding this request to serve wine at our 2025 Ceremony and dinner on October 23, to the Executive Council for its consideration and, hopefully, its approval.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer



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President