



April 2, 2018

The Honorable Kim Reynolds  
Governor, State of Iowa

Dear Governor Reynolds,

Effective May 1, 2018, I will be resigning my position as Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. It has been a great honor to serve your administration and the people of Iowa in this capacity.

For the last 27 years, I have held numerous positions in state government, but the crowning achievement is having been given the opportunity to lead the dedicated, committed staff of the DNR---a group that comes to work every day determined to improve access to our natural resources for all Iowans. Whether it be state park personnel, field inspectors, conservation officers, fish hatchery technicians, air quality stack testers or support staff, their dedication to their jobs of enhancing the environment for future generations is obvious. I will certainly miss walking into the Wallace Building or any other DNR-managed facility and greeting some of the very best in state government.

However, the time has come in my career when it is time to go home to my family who have given so much so that I could serve in the Legislature, IDALS Division of Soil Conservation and Department of Natural Resources. For the last 27 years, I have made the 200 mile trip between Des Moines and our home in Decorah on an almost weekly basis--that's a lot of miles and missed family events!

I have become a big fan of the television show, Blue Bloods---a show in which Tom Selleck plays the role of the Commissioner of the New York City Police Department. In a recent episode, Commissioner Reagan states that he is getting the "kind of tired that a nap doesn't cure!" To that I can relate.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Director.

Best always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Gipp". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chuck Gipp  
Director, Iowa Department of Natural Resources