



## **Governor Terry Branstad**

Governor Terry Branstad was born, raised and educated in Iowa. A native of Leland, Branstad was elected to the Iowa House in 1972, '74 and '76, and elected as Iowa's lieutenant governor in 1978.

Branstad was Iowa's longest-serving governor, from 1983 to 1999. As the state's chief executive, he weathered some of Iowa's worst economic turmoil during the farm crisis of the '80s, while helping lead the state's resurgence to a booming economy in the '90s.

Following his four terms as governor, Branstad went on to serve as president of Des Moines University (DMU). During his 6-year tenure, he was able to grow the university into a world-class educational facility. Its graduates offer health care in all 50 states and in nearly every Iowa county. Meantime, he grew enrollment, increased the endowment and integrated new buildings, programs and initiatives.

After retiring from DMU, Branstad was elected as Iowa's governor November 2, 2010. Four years and two days later on November 4, 2014, Iowans re-elected him.

December 7, 2016, Gov. Branstad announced that he had accepted the nomination from President-elect Donald Trump to serve as U.S. Ambassador to China. Upon confirmation in the U.S. Senate, Gov. Branstad will resign as governor and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds will become governor of the state of Iowa.

He and his wife Chris have three grown children: Eric (Adrienne), Allison (Jerry Costa) and Marcus (Nicole), and seven grandchildren, Mackenzie, Bridget, Sofia, Alexis, Estelle, Everett and Fitzgerald.