

## ***Proper Decorum During Homeschool Iowa Capitol Day***

Thank you for registering to attend NICHE Homeschool Iowa Capitol Day! We want everyone to have a good time and be part of a great testimony for Christian homeschooling in Iowa. Please use these decorum guidelines to help you and your family put the very best face possible on homeschooling in Iowa while attending Homeschool Iowa Capitol Day.

### **Proper Dress Shows Proper Respect**

- The attire at the Iowa Capitol is business dress. In essence, it means traditional church clothes. For men: suit and tie, or slacks and a button down long-sleeve shirt. For women: suit, skirt or slacks with blouse/sweater/blazer, or dress.
- Joseph and Daniel dressed the part while they worked in the courts of kings; we encourage you to do the same. Give the offices and Capitol building the respect they require.

### **Families First**

- We encourage entire families to come to the event for any or all of the activities planned. It will be a strong testimony of how seriously we take our homeschooling liberties if all family members make an effort to come. We encourage parents to keep their children with them throughout their time at the event.

### **Talking the Talk**

- Unless you know your elected officials very well or they have asked to you address them on a first-name basis, they should be addressed with their title followed by their last name. For Example: "Governor Reynolds," "Senator <Last Name>," or "Representative <Last Name>."
- If you find yourself at odds with the values and political positions of the legislator elected to represent you, speak the truth in love. We need to imitate God's kindness and grace to all those around us.
- Be confident in speaking with your legislators. Remember, they work for you! Let them know how important you see their job, and then convey the importance of homeschooling to your family.

### **Redeeming the Time**

- Be sensitive to time constraints. We only do this once a year, so please honor the event planners and follow the sessions as they are intended.
- There might be times when your family chooses to do things separately from our group, but when attending our event sessions please be mindful of the timeline. and respectfully listen to the speakers presenting at any given time. Homeschoolers on the whole are viewed as a polite group, and we do not want to let the buzz and excitement of the day's activities lead us to forget ourselves.