



TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES  
JANET E. PHIPPS, DIRECTOR

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Mr. Carl E. Olson, Chairperson  
Iowans for Medical Marijuana  
P.O. Box 4091  
Des Moines, Iowa 50333

Dear Mr. Olson,

The Department of General Services has reserved for your use the West steps of the State Capitol from noon until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, 1996. It is understood that the purpose for this rally is to encourage the Iowa Legislature to enact legislation allowing the medical use of marijuana in the state of Iowa. The Iowa Legislature is not in session during your requested time period; please let the Customer Service Center know if there is anything they can assist with in the preparation of this event. There is a 110 volt electrical outlet located at the base of the light post immediately east of the Lincoln and Tad statue. There are no charges for the use of the State Capitol grounds or electricity.

Please remember no signs can be hung from the building, lamp posts or trees, but signs carried by a single individual are acceptable. At no time should signs, pictures or any other form of media be displayed or voiced, that suggest a correlation between the State of Iowa and an individual, group, association or business. The Customer Service Center appreciates the efforts outlined in your letter to restrict the use of illegal drugs on the complex as well as appointing two marshals, yourself and John Hartog (515/ 262-4660) to assist the 50 - 100 people expected to attend this event. Capitol Police has been informed that two participants, George McMahon and Barbara Douglas, have legal prescriptions for marijuana and are approved to use marijuana by the federal government as well as the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Examiners.

Good luck with your event! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 242-5120.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Rodriguez  
Customer Service Center

cc: Carl Parker  
Capitol Police