

## Cancellation Policy for the Iowa Underground Railroad Walk:

If the cancellation is made at least 30 days prior to the event, the participant will receive a full refund. All refund requests need to be submitted to the organizer through email at [IowaUndergroundRailroadRide@yahoo.com](mailto:IowaUndergroundRailroadRide@yahoo.com) . Cancellations made less than 30 days prior to the event will not be eligible for a refund.

If past the cancellation date, participants have the option to transfer their registration to another person. Contact with organizers must be made prior to 10 days before the event and include registration information for the person assuming the registration.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can happen and may lead to us having to cancel the event. In the event of cancellation, we will refund participants their registration or ticket cost minus any expenses that have already been incurred by the organizers.

The organizer reserves the right to cancel the event due to severe weather, phenomenon beyond human control, or unforeseen circumstances. In such cases, participants will receive a full refund.

No refund will be provided for unused tickets or services during the event.

For any questions related to cancellation or refund, participants can reach out to event organizers through the contact information provided on the official website.

## Waivers and Acknowledgements

### **Please read the following waivers, acknowledgements and disclaimers**

**carefully.** They include releases of liability and waiver of legal rights, and deprive you of the ability to sue certain parties. By agreeing, you acknowledge that you have both read and understood all text presented to you as part of the registration process.

- I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY.
- I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ACCEPT ITS TERMS AND TO BE BOUND BY IT. IN ADDITION, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE LAWS AND RULES OF THE ROAD, WATCH OUT AND AVOID HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS.
- I UNDERSTAND I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS.

☐ I agree to and accept the above acknowledgements and disclaimers

☐ I agree to and accept the " Iowa Underground Railroad Walk Event Participant Waiver for Registration"

#### Electronic Signature

By checking the box above and entering my name below, I am giving the electronic equivalent of my signature and I confirm that I have read and agree (on my own behalf and on behalf of my minor child(ren) or ward(s), if applicable), to the registration terms, waiver, privacy policy and terms of use. If I am registering any children under the age of eighteen, I represent and warrant that I am their parent or legal guardian.

#### Address Verification

All event materials will be available at registration onsite. If you are unable to attend, any add-ons (i.e., t-shirts ordered) will be mailed after the event to address listed in registration form. Additional postage fees may apply.

#### Support

All individuals must have the capacity and ability to walk the entirety of the route or arrange for their own assistance off the trail.

#### Event Waiver

Iowa Underground Railroad Walk Event Waiver

### **AGREEMENT, WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

*Iowa Underground Railroad Walk Event October 18, 2025*

I, the undersigned, acknowledge and understand that participating in the Iowa Underground Railroad Walk Event and its related activities (collectively, the "Events") can be risky. This includes possible dangers and hazards that could result in physical or mental injury, emotional distress, illness, death, or damage to personal property. I know and accept that walking, road and other accidents may result from the failure for any reason (including negligence) of Iowa Underground Railroad Walk Event organizers, sponsors, volunteers or the government or private entities that plan, host or assist in the Events to assess or correctly determine the conditions and safety of the road, surface, route or weather or to predict where or when an accident might occur.

I am choosing to participate in the Events willingly. I understand and accept all associated risks, whether they occur before, during, or after the Events. I will not hold the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, or any other associated entities responsible for these risks.

I understand that the nature of walking and the Events means that there is always a risk of injury or death. This risk cannot be eliminated by the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, or other entities involved in planning or assisting in the Events.

Illness:

By participating in the Events, I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and other communicable diseases such as influenza (flu), chickenpox, measles, strep throat, tuberculosis, norovirus, etc. In the interest of protecting the health of the participants, I agree to the following:

1. I will not attend the Events if I am experiencing symptoms
2. I will follow the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for preventing the spread of communicable during the Events.
3. I will adhere to all federal, state, or local government health and safety regulations, as well as any additional safety measures required by the Event officials.
4. I understand that by attending the Events, I may be exposed to or infected, which could result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death.
5. I acknowledge due to the complexity of the illness, the organizers cannot guarantee a risk free event.

I confirm that I am in good physical condition and able to participate in the Events without risk to myself or others. I am solely responsible for the condition and safety of my person and gear. I will participate safely and responsibly and follow the rules of the road and those set forth by the organizers. I give consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during the event.

In consideration of my participation in the Events, I agree to RELEASE, WAIVE, and HOLD HARMLESS **FROM ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES, DEATH, COSTS, EXPENSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND ACTIONS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE,** I have, may have or may hereafter accrue against the released parties directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to my attending or participating in the Events. This includes the organizers of the Iowa Underground Railroad Walk and affiliated activities, the National Association of Social Workers-Iowa Chapter, the Jordan House, Better Way Forward, their parent companies including all officials, emergency and support personnel, volunteers, and their representatives.

I also grant permission for the use of my photograph, voice, and likeness in any media coverage, promotional materials, or advertisements for the Iowa Underground Railroad

Walk Event and its licensees. I waive any rights to privacy or publicity in connection with these uses.

I further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the parties mentioned above from any and all losses, damages, injuries, claims, and expenses, including legal fees, that may arise from my participation in the Events.

If I am a minor, my parent or guardian is also signing on my behalf. We both agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

All matters arising out of this Agreement and my participation in the Events shall be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa and shall fall under the jurisdiction of the courts located within Polk County in the State of Iowa.

This Agreement represents the entire agreement regarding the Iowa Underground Railroad Walk Event. If any term of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms will remain in effect.

If you require special arrangements due to a disability or need this form in another language, please contact the Iowa Underground Railroad Walk event planners by September 5, 2025.

By checking the box indicating agreement, acceptance and virtual signature of this waiver, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to its terms.

This act is a **COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.** I further acknowledge that no representations, promises, statements or inducements have been made to me other than as set forth in this document. I will abide by all Event rules and regulations.