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“Bringing It Home” to screen in Davenport

November 5, 2013 — Davenport, Iowa — Legislative victories in Kentucky, Colorado and Washington have sparked national media awareness and conversation about industrial hemp. But what’s preventing the U.S. from joining other industrialized nations that grow this crop?

A screening of “Bringing It Home” will be hosted by Iowa Hemp for Victory on November 16, 2013, at Bucktown Center for the Arts in Davenport. The screening will also include a Q&A Session, complimentary hemp food and drink samples, and an informative Iowa hemp history display exhibit.

More industrial hemp fiber, seed and oil is exported to the U.S. than to any other country and American consumers are purchasing over \$450 million in hemp products annually. The hour-long documentary Bringing It Home explores the question of why a crop with so many widespread benefits cannot be farmed in the United States by exploring its history, industries and current farming legalization efforts.

Filmmakers Linda Booker and Blaire Johnson were inspired by environmentally-conscious home designer Anthony Brenner’s story to find the healthiest building material available to build a safe indoor environment for his young daughter Bailey, who has a sensitivity to synthetic chemicals.

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Brenner received national media attention when he and Hemp Technologies completed “America’s First Hemp House” for the former mayor of Asheville, North Carolina. Booker and Johnson tell the story of hemp through animation, archival images and footage they filmed with hemp business leaders and entrepreneurs like Brenner in England, Spain, Washington D.C., California and North Carolina.

In the first few months of 2013, eighteen states introduced industrial hemp legislation. “We made Bringing It Home with the intention of reaching a broad spectrum of viewers – from policy makers and civic groups, to farmers and health advocates, from consumers to the construction industry –with the same strategic message about how hemp offers solutions and hope,” says filmmaker Linda Booker.

The documentary aims to magnify dialogue and legislative action about hemp in order to facilitate America’s transition to a more informed, sustainable, and healthy future.

The screening of “Bringing It Home” in Davenport is part of a national grassroots screening tour of the film across the country, which began with the film’s premiere during Hemp History Week in June 2013, and will continue into 2014.

Iowa Hemp for Victory is hosting the film as part of its mission to raise awareness and promote the hemp industry in Iowa, which once housed eleven hemp processing mills during the Federal Government’s “Hemp for Victory” program.

Screening Date: November 16, 2013

Screening Time: 1:00 PM -3:00 PM

Screening Location: Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E 2nd St, Davenport, Iowa 52801

This event is open to the public. Event Website: <http://www.screeninghq.org/screenings/details/26089>

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