## Kosovo

You are known as a "Clarionite"; someone from Kosovo is known as a "Kosovar"

1990: Once a part of Orthodox Christian Serbia, the Kosovo region is comprised by a majority of Muslim Albanians, causing Kosovo to declare its independence from Serbia

1998-1999: Serbia forcefully displaces over 1.5 million Albanian Kosovars and massacres tens of thousands until NATO forces intervene with air strikes

**2001:** UN Supreme Court rules "a systemic campaign of terror, including murders, rapes, arsons and severe maltreatments" took place against Kosovars

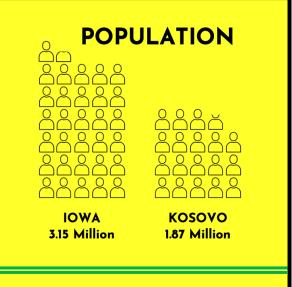
**2008**: Kosovo again declares independence and is recognized by the USA. Iowa National Guard troops partner with Kosovo Security Forces for an ongoing peacekeeping mission.

**2013:** Governor Branstad signs a Sister-State agreement with Kosovo.

**2016**: Kosovo establishes a diplomatic consulate in Iowa, our first and only one!

**2022:** Clarion establishes a sister-city partnership with Junik, Kosovo

If you would like to become involved with our sister-city, or visit it, contact City Hall!



## **ECONOMIC OUTPUT**

KOSOVO \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$7.9 Billion

## **GEOGRAPHIC SIZE**

