

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY - SIX**

- WHEREAS, on October 14, 2003, I issued Executive Order Number Thirty-One, whereby I ordered a 2.5 percent across-the-board reduction in appropriated allotments, pursuant to Iowa Code § 8.31; and
- WHEREAS, Executive Order Number Thirty-One reduced appropriated allotments to state agencies by approximately \$82.5 million; and
- WHEREAS, I based the size of the across-the-board allotment reduction on the findings of the Revenue Estimating Conference, which met on October 10, 2003 and reduced its projection of state revenue for fiscal year 2004 by \$142.2 million; and
- WHEREAS, our State economy has shown signs of recovery during the last quarter of the fiscal year resulting in Iowa general fund revenue, received year-to-date, exceeding Revenue Estimating Conference estimates for fiscal year 2004; so the general fund ending balance for fiscal year 2004 is now expected to be \$33.6 million; and
- WHEREAS, in light of the state's new expected ending balance, I have determined the 2.5 percent across-the-board reduction can itself be reduced without jeopardizing the state's ability to maintain a positive ending balance; and
- WHEREAS, education remains the top priority for the State of Iowa and the key to transforming our economy to one that supports our Iowa values; and
- WHEREAS, restoring ten percent of the original across-the-board reduction will provide an additional \$7.1 million to Iowa schools this year, providing a more secure future for local school districts and teachers; and
- WHEREAS, restoring ten percent of the original across-the-board reduction will enable us to provide greater opportunities to Iowa students in a fiscally responsible way and maintain other vital services for Iowans, and
- WHEREAS, any additional revenue that is received exceeding the Revenue Estimating conference estimates for fiscal year 2004 is needed to fund future commitments to education and health, and to make fiscal year 2005 school foundation aid payments on time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa, do hereby order and direct a uniform modification of allotment requests, pursuant to Iowa Code § 8.31, to rescind ten percent of the across the board reduction ordered pursuant to Executive Order Thirty-One for a net across the board reduction of 2.25 percent for fiscal year 2004, which shall be directed to all state departments and establishments with the exception of departments designated as charter agencies that are exempt from the across the board cuts because they are already taking action to achieve savings or increase revenue to the general fund, pursuant to Iowa Code 7J.1(3)(d). Actions taken by the Department of Management and all state departments and establishments described above, to implement this order, shall commence on June 25, 2004.



Steve Mardonel, Deputy

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 25th day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand four.

THOMAS J. VILS/ GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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