State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SEVENTY

WHEREAS, the act of filing an application for restoration of the rights of citizenship is an important and necessary aspect of an offender's process of reintegration into society; and

WHEREAS, the payment of restitution owed by an offender after having been completely discharged from criminal sentence is an important component in determining if the restoration of rights of citizenship is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, offenders ought to fulfill their financial obligations to pay court costs and fines, and the restoration of the rights of citizenship process can serve to address the problem of unpaid obligations by facilitating the payment of court costs and fines; and
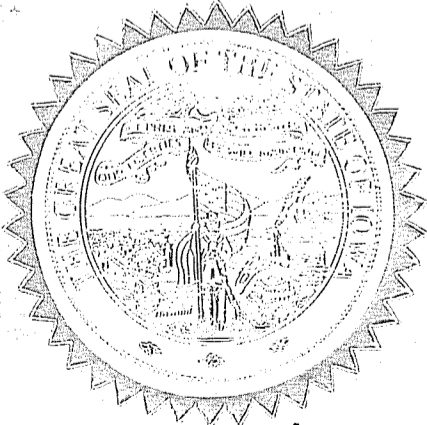
WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Iowa and the Iowa Code provide an appropriate process and necessary flexibility to ensure that the process for restoration of citizenship rights is just; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 42, dated July 4, 2005, issued by Governor Thomas J. Vilsack utilized a process that granted the restoration of citizenship rights automatically; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa empowers the Governor with authority to restore the rights of citizenship that were forfeited by reason of conviction.

Now, therefore, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Iowa, do hereby order that:
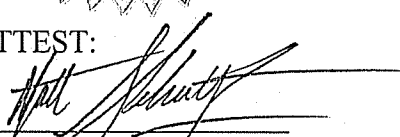
I. Executive Order Number 42, dated July 4, 2005, issued by Governor Thomas J. Vilsack, shall be rescinded.

II. Nothing in this Order shall affect the restoration of the rights of citizenship granted prior to the date of this Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 14th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MATTHEW SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE