



State of Iowa  
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TWO

WHEREAS, current social attitudes, economic conditions and changes in family and friendship patterns are presenting the current generation of widowed people with greater difficulties in coping with adjustment to being alone; and

WHEREAS, forty-five (45) percent of the deaths of Iowans in recent years have left a spouse to survive alone; and

WHEREAS, approximately 12,200 Iowans annually might benefit from a widowed person's reassurance network.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby order that:

- I. A cooperative program between the Governor's Office and the Iowa Commission on the Aging shall be implemented, to be called the Assurance Network for Easing Widowhood (ANEW).
- II. A Governor's Committee on Widowed Persons, consisting of eight (8) persons who will serve in an advisory capacity to ANEW, shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. The chairperson shall be elected by the committee annually.
  - A. The Iowa Commission on the Aging will implement the program with advice from the Governor's Committee on Widowed Persons. The Commission will establish a support network statewide, working cooperatively with groups such as area agencies on aging, state and local schools and colleges, farm organization, volunteer, insurance, funeral home and employment groups, as well as local and national services for widowed persons.
  - B. The Iowa Commission on the Aging will develop resource listings and an organizational plan for local communities to assure a support network for Iowa's widowed persons, and respond to requests for assistance from local groups to establish a widowed person's program in their community.

- C. The ANEW program will provide an annual report to the Office of the Governor on the activities of the program during January of each year.



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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, eighty-three.

Henry E. Bunsford  
GOVERNOR

Attest:

Mary Jane Odell  
SECRETARY OF STATE