



State of Iowa  
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIX

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River has been and continues to be a critical natural resource of this state, vital to its commerce and important to the recreational and aesthetic needs of the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, careful, coordinated planning and interstate communication and cooperation is essential to the continued ability of the Upper Mississippi River System to fulfill its historic functions; and

WHEREAS, prior to the termination of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission, the Governors of the States of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin by joint resolution of August, 1981, endorsed the creation of a successor agency to the Commission to maintain communication and cooperation among the states on matters related to water resources planning and management; and

WHEREAS, in December, 1981, representatives of the States of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin met and adopted on behalf of these states Articles of Association creating the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order Number 12319 the member states accepted the transfer of the assets of the Commission to the Association for its stated purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Association fulfills the functions and activities recommended in the joint Governors' resolution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa wishes to continue and reaffirm its membership and participation in the Association.

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:

1. Recognizing that the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association has been and continues to be an instrumentality of the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin for water resources planning, communication, and coordination in the Upper Mississippi River System, this state's membership in the Association is reaffirmed and continued.

- II. The appropriate administrative agencies, boards, and commissions of this state and their respective employees are directed to cooperate with and assist the Association in its activities.
- III. The Association is authorized to undertake such activities and programs in regard to the Upper Mississippi River System as the state representatives to the Association may decide among themselves or as the states may be authorized by Congress provided those activities are consistent with its purposes as stated in its Articles of Association and provided they do not violate the Compact Clause of the United States Constitution.
- IV. The Association shall continue to operate according to its Articles of Association and By-laws as those documents now read and as they may, from time to time, be amended.
- V. In the event of the termination of the Association, its assets shall be distributed to the member states of the Association as provided in its Articles and By-laws.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto subscribed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 23rd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.



Terry E. Branstad  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Mary Jane Odell  
SECRETARY OF STATE