



State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TWELVE

- WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are currently more than 23 million functionally illiterate adults in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, each year an estimated 2.3 million join the pool of persons who are functionally illiterate; and
- WHEREAS, the ability to read and comprehend and write and compute is a virtual necessity in today's society; and
- WHEREAS, voluntary efforts on the part of Iowa citizens can do much to alleviate functional illiteracy within the state.
- WHEREAS, both public and private agencies have formed a cooperative network of staff and volunteers who are committed to the advancement of literacy in Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby formally establish the Iowa Literacy Council composed of a director and advisory council which will be responsible to the Governor.

The Iowa Literacy Council shall be composed of no less than nine or more than fifteen citizens with a broad representation of skills and interests in promoting literacy in order to guide, support and review the work of the Iowa Literacy Program.

The members of the council shall be appointed by and serve at the will of the Governor with designated terms of three years; however, one-third of the initial members shall serve one-year terms and one-third of the initial members shall serve two-year terms. The chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his discretion.

The Iowa Literacy Council shall work with the established executive committee composed of representatives from the Governor's Office for Volunteers, the Department of Public Instruction, and the Iowa Refugee Service Center to meet the following goals:

- 1) Seek to identify persons in need of literacy training and strive to serve any Iowan with a demonstrable need for these services.
- 2) Coordinate literacy programs in Iowa.
- 3) Serve as a clearinghouse for information on literacy services available in Iowa.
- 4) Provide greater visibility to literacy programs in Iowa, and encourage Iowans to volunteer their assistance.
- 5) Provide technical support to literacy volunteers and literacy programs.

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 6th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-four.


GOVERNOR



ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE