WHEREAS, the State of Iowa Communications Task Force has recommended that the state coordinate telecommunications and information management systems to maximize efficiency in a cost effective manner and,

WHEREAS, telecommunications and information management are rapidly changing technologies and,

WHEREAS, the state needs to assign the responsibility for planning, coordinating, developing and facilitating implementation of agency plans as they affect statewide telecommunications and information management systems.

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

I. A Telecommunication and Information Management Council (TIM Council) shall be created to coordinate, develop a coordinated, cost effective, statewide telecommunications and information management plan for the State of Iowa. This plan shall be approved by each member of the Council.

II. The TIM Council shall consist of the nine voting following members:

(a) the state comptroller
(b) the director of the department of general services
(c) the commissioner of public safety
(d) the director of the department of transportation
(e) the executive secretary of the board of regents with one representative each from the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, and the University Hospital
(f) the executive director of the department of public broadcasting
(g) the superintendent of public instruction
(h) the commissioner of the department of human services
(i) the adjutant general
The Governor may appoint additional members to the TIM Council. The chair of the TIM Council shall be appointed by, report to, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

III. The TIM Council shall assist and coordinate the merger of existing and planned communications and data networks and facilities where feasible and economically justified. The Council shall coordinate policies, planning and direction of state networks and shall determine what agency will be responsible for managing and operating a shared system.

IV. The TIM Council shall coordinate planning for financing telecommunications and information management improvements which affect statewide or multi-agency plans.

V. Agencies shall submit drafts of plans which have impact upon the state telecommunications and information management plan to the TIM Council for approval based upon determination of compatibility of system designs, operations and equipment.

VI. Each agency represented on the TIM Council shall cooperate in promoting the principles and objectives contained in this order.

VII. The TIM Council shall serve as a consultant, a resource and a facilitator to all state agencies. The TIM Council shall serve agencies to combine the state's buying power in procurement of resources and negotiation of contracts, to coordinate equipment maintenance, software development, research of technologies, hardware and software, and training programs where appropriate and cost effective.

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 44th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-five.