



State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY-ONE

WHEREAS, it is the historic policy of the United States and the State of Iowa to provide safe asylum to refugees who are the victims of war and persecution and who have been forced from their homelands; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa coordinates and provides refugee services funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. State Department; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Refugee Service Center has been the agency administratively responsible for these services since 1975 and was formally established on January 27, 1984 to:

- I. Coordinate, develop, and implement federal, state and local programs which provide resettlement services and other social services which promote the economic self-sufficiency and social self-reliance of refugees and other eligible groups.
- II. Provide specialized cultural information and immigration and other services to refugees, entrants, and immigrants as well as the private individuals, organizations, corporations, and state agencies whose activities are associated with them.

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

1. The Iowa Refugee Service Center will be known as the Bureau of Refugee Programs and becomes administratively part of the Iowa Department of Human Services.
2. The Iowa Department of Human Services will be the designated state agency to receive and administer all federal refugee program funds heretofore administered by the Iowa Refugee Service Center.
3. The Commissioner of the Iowa Department of Human Services is now appointed by me as the State Coordinator for Refugee Affairs.
4. The Commissioner shall appoint to serve at his pleasure, a Chief of the Bureau of Refugee Programs who shall be Deputy State Coordinator for Refugee Affairs.

5. To assure that the refugee program continues and to realize maximum administrative efficiency this order shall be in effect January 1, 1986. Executive Order Number Eight of January 27, 1984 is hereby rescinded.



ATTEST:

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 24th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-five.

Terry E. Branstad
GOVERNOR

Mary Jane Odell
SECRETARY OF STATE