WHEREAS, With the passage of the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 the Governor of each state shall appoint a State Emergency Response Commission; and

WHEREAS, Said federal law requires affirmative state action by April 17, 1987, making this executive order the only expedient procedure reasonably available to assure timely implementation; and

WHEREAS, Said federal law authorizes the Governor to designate as the State Emergency Response Commission one or more existing emergency response organizations that are state-sponsored or appointed; and

WHEREAS, Said federal law directs that to the extent practicable those appointed to the State Emergency Response Commission have technical expertise in the emergency response field; and

WHEREAS, Said federal law requires that each state take actions necessary to assure, to the extent practical, the obligations of the State under the Act are met;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa, hereby create and establish the State Emergency Response Commission of Iowa. Administrative support to the Commission shall be performed by the Secretariat who shall report to the chairperson of the Commission. The Commission shall consist of a representative from the Office of the Governor, a representative from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Employment Services, the Iowa Department of Public Defense, the Iowa Department of Public Safety, the Iowa Department of Justice, the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Fire Extension Service of Iowa State University, and two members from private industry, all appointed by the Governor.

Further, I direct that the representative from the Department of Public Defense shall serve as the chairperson of this Commission and shall provide assistance with the local emergency planning in accordance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 and Chapter 29C, Code of Iowa.

Further, I direct the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to maintain jurisdiction over chemical releases as outlined by law.

Further, I direct the Department of Management to work with the appropriate departments to identify and obtain necessary resources available to be utilized by the Department of Public Defense, Department of Natural Resources, and the Commission to implement this Act.
Further, I direct the State Emergency Response Commission to provide to the Governor by November 15, 1987 recommendations for potential and necessary statutory changes, budget proposals, and avenues for generation of revenue, in order to implement the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

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 15th Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

Elaine Baxter
Attest: Secretary of State