WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse are of concern to communities throughout Iowa, and substance abuse-related problems impact the quality of life in the home, school and workplace; and

WHEREAS, statistical evidence indicates that several thousand high school students in Iowa will continue to abuse or become chemically dependent to alcohol or other drugs during the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for reducing future alcohol and drug related problems among youth is shared between families, schools, local communities and government; and

WHEREAS, combined efforts of the citizens in communities throughout Iowa can create greater awareness of the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and promote healthy lifestyle decisions; and

WHEREAS, the support and cooperation of substance abuse programs, community groups and the criminal justice system is needed to combat alcohol and other drug abuse; and

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 create the Governor's Alliance on Substance Abuse within the Department of Public Health to promote the development of a comprehensive and coordinated state effort in the implementation of services for alcohol and drug abuse prevention, intervention and treatment, and to promote the development of programs which enhance the justice system's response to the drug-involved offender.

The Alliance shall be composed of not more than 20 members, appointed by the Governor, who will represent: the criminal and juvenile justice system, treatment programs, prevention programs, mental health programs, parent and community groups, a designee from the Departments of Public Health, Public Safety, Corrections, Human Services, Education and Personnel and the Commission on Children, Youth and Families.
The chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of one year. All members shall serve a two-year term and will meet at least once each quarter of each year. The director of the Department of Public Health shall be the chief administrative officer of the Alliance. The Governor shall appoint the administrator of the Alliance. The administrator will provide assistance to the Alliance including the preparation of federal grant applications for specific programs under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986. The administrator will make determinations regarding grant applications under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, which may be appealed to the director of the Department of Public Health.

The Alliance is created to assist the director of the Department of Public Health and the administrator of the Alliance in the following areas:

I. To facilitate interagency and community planning.

II. To develop a statewide strategy for drug law enforcement and for addressing the needs of high-risk youth and to encourage the development of programs appropriate to implementing the strategy.

III. To consult with the Governor, the Commission on Substance Abuse and community groups on drug abuse prevention and treatment policies.

IV. To work with the Department of Public Health to increase awareness of the cost of substance abuse to business, government and families.

V. To stimulate a comprehensive, coordinated approach to alcohol and drug abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services in Iowa.

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

[Signature]
Governor

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Secretary of State

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