WHEREAS, health care costs continue to rise at levels twice the rate of inflation and;

WHEREAS, approximately 250,000 Iowans are currently without health insurance coverage and;

WHEREAS, Iowa's large elderly population requires increasing access to quality and affordable health care and;

WHEREAS, Iowa's rural providers and consumers continue to face significant challenges in assuring access to quality, affordable health care and;

WHEREAS, escalating health care costs create significant impediments to the expansion of Iowa business and industry and;

WHEREAS, Iowa insurers are a vital industry to our state. As such, state government must assure the ability of Iowa insurers to remain competitive in their industry and;

WHEREAS, the Clinton Administration and members of Congress are currently working toward health reform nationally and;

WHEREAS, state government must communicate effectively with the federal government our concerns about how proposed national reforms may impact Iowa and;

WHEREAS, as Governor, in the spring of 1993 I appointed the Iowa Health Reform Council to develop recommendations relating to reform of Iowa's health care system and;

WHEREAS, based on the Council's recommendations, significant reforms were passed this legislative session in Iowa, including CHMIS, rural provider retention and recruitment, telmedicine, small group insurance reforms, and employer conduit and;

WHEREAS, the Iowa Health Reform Council included among its recommendations, the establishment of a transition entity to be responsible for overseeing implementation of Iowa's reforms;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of Iowa, hereby create the Iowa Health Reform Transition Team to:

coordinate implementation of reform within the state,

communicate with the federal government Iowa's interests in health care reform, and
continue to inform and receive input from Iowans on changes needed in the health care system to assure access to quality, affordable health care for all Iowans.

The Transition Team shall be composed of:

- 4 health care providers,
- 2 insurers,
- 5 members interested in health care reform including consumers and representatives of business and labor,
- Iowa Commissioner of Insurance, or his/her designee,
- Director of Iowa Department of Public Health or his/her designee,
- Director of Department of Human Services or his/her designee,
- Director of Iowa Department of Management or his/her designee.

The Transition Team shall complete its work by October 30, 1995. This Executive Order is hereby ordered repealed on that date.

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

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE