WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Safety maintains and operates an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) as part of its responsibilities to collect and disseminate criminal history information; and

WHEREAS, AFIS technology is recognized within the law enforcement community as valuable equipment in carrying out the law enforcement mission; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for law enforcement agencies in Iowa to be compatible with AFIS equipment operated by the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, some law enforcement agencies currently possess their own AFIS equipment which is connected with the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, an Advisory Board made up of representatives of local agencies is necessary to maintain equipment capability and an efficient operation.

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

I. A nine member AFIS Committee be established consisting of four Iowa sheriffs chosen by the Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association (ISSDA) and four chiefs of police chosen by the Iowa Police Executive Forum (IPEF) and chaired by the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Commissioner’s designee.

II. Each sheriff or chief shall serve two-year overlapping terms. Each year, two sheriffs’ positions and two chiefs’ positions whose term has expired shall be appointed/reappointed by ISSDA and IPEF. Members may serve more than one term.
III. The committee will advise the Commissioner of Public Safety on policies and procedures regarding the identification and procurement of AFIS-related equipment, and make recommendations on the placement of AFIS equipment owned by the state. The committee will also make recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Safety as to requests from local law enforcement agencies procuring their own AFIS equipment as to interfacing with the Department of Public Safety. Policy and procedures established by the committee will be used as a guide to make such recommendations.

IV. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the Commissioner's designee will have final authority in all respects to the procurement and placement of state AFIS equipment, as well as requests by other agencies to interface their equipment with the Department of Public Safety.

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 10th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE