


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 68

- WHEREAS, studies have documented the health risks to individuals from use of tobacco products and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke; and
- WHEREAS, use of tobacco products is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, accounting for more than 400,000 deaths each year; and
- WHEREAS, at least 43 of the chemical compounds that have been identified in tobacco smoke are known to cause cancer in humans or animals; and
- WHEREAS, workers exposed to secondhand smoke are 34 percent more likely to get lung cancer than those who work in smoke-free environments; and
- WHEREAS, tobacco smoke represents the single most significant source of pollution in most indoor air environments and secondhand smoke causes 30 times as many lung cancer deaths as all regulated air pollutants combined; and
- WHEREAS, exposure to secondhand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death, after active smoking and alcohol use; and
- WHEREAS, this year 3000 Americans will die of lung cancer due to secondhand smoke; and
- WHEREAS, direct medical costs attributable to smoking total about \$50 billion a year; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has the responsibility to protect and promote the health and welfare of state employees and all citizens; and

WHEREAS, buildings owned and operated by the State of Iowa must be accessible to all citizens in order to serve their needs; and

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco products in state buildings sets a poor example for citizens of the state, especially young people who are particularly susceptible to peer pressure and influence of the tobacco industry; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 26, which I signed on December 31, 1986, prohibited the sale of tobacco products in the areas of buildings under my control in the State Capitol Complex and all offices occupied by state government; and

WHEREAS, there are currently policies in place which prohibit the use of tobacco products within individual state buildings, and an executive order would formalize and perpetuate the policies.

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 order that:

The use of all tobacco products in the areas of buildings under my control in the State Capitol Complex and all offices occupied by state government is hereby prohibited.



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 23rd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE