WHEREAS, it is a stated goal of this Administration to make Iowa the renewable energy capital of the world; and

WHEREAS, the government of the State of Iowa has historically provided national leadership in the use of renewable fuels; and

WHEREAS, Iowa is a national leader in the production of ethanol, with the capacity to produce more than one billion gallons of ethanol per year; and

WHEREAS, the use of ethanol-based fuel, particularly the E-85 blend of eighty-five (85) percent ethanol and fifteen (15) percent gasoline, is beneficial to Iowa's economy; and

WHEREAS, the use of ethanol-based fuel reduces Iowa's dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, the use of ethanol-blended fuel in lieu of unleaded gasoline has been shown to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, there are currently seventy (70) retail and state fueling locations in Iowa offering E-85; and

WHEREAS, currently only seven (7) percent of the fuel used in the state's flexible-fuel vehicles is being reported to be E-85; and

WHEREAS, the director of the Department of Administrative Services, pursuant to Iowa Code section 8A.362, is charged with managing the state's fleet of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, 2007 Iowa Acts House File 918 establishes the Office of Energy Independence to coordinate state activities concerning energy independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chester J. Culver, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me under the laws of the United States of America and under the laws and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby Order that:

I. The use of E-85 fuel in the state's flexible-fuel vehicles shall be increased to at least sixty (60) percent of fuel purchases, measured in total gallons of fuel purchased for flexible-fuel vehicles, by June 30, 2009.

II. The Director of the Office of Energy Independence, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, shall submit a "State Government E-85 Use Plan" (Plan) to the Governor by December 31, 2007, which shall detail how the E-85 fuel use goal can be met. The Plan shall include recommendations to the Governor as to how the State and retailers can work together to ensure that all E-85 purchases are electronically coded and reported accurately.

III. Using the recommendations outlined in the Plan, directors of all executive agencies shall develop and implement policies, rules, and/or procedures requiring
that employees under their jurisdiction purchase E-85 fuel while using the flexible-fuel vehicles in the state fleet.

IV. The Department of Administrative Services, in order to assist state employees in locating E-85 fuel, shall provide a regularly-updated list of E-85 fueling locations to the employee at the time a state vehicle is assigned. The employee shall be informed of the requirements for the use of E-85 fuel outlined in Administrative Code rule 11—103.16(3).

V. Agencies shall assist in promoting the use of E-85 fuel by their employees and, to the extent doing so falls within the responsibilities of the agency, to the citizens of Iowa.

VI. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any applicable state or federal law:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 21st day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE