WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the effective and efficient delivery of services to constituents, governments ought to partner and coordinate with non-profit community organizations; and

WHEREAS, in times of economic recovery, when government resources are stretched, it is especially important that governments at all levels are willing and able to assist community and faith-based non-profit organizations to serve those in need; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives was established to strengthen and expand the role of faith-based and community organizations in addressing the nation’s social problems and delivering important social services to Americans; and

WHEREAS, since 2003 the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center has been the state-appointed White House Faith-Based and Community Initiative Liaison for the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Iowa created a Nonprofit Task Force to investigate, among other things, the collaboration among state, local and tribal governments in Iowa and nonprofit organizations in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center provided invaluable administrative services for the aforementioned Task Force; and

WHEREAS, working with its partner, the University of Iowa Institute of Public Affairs which assists local governments in Iowa, the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center is the organization that is best equipped to assist State, local and tribal governments in their efforts to coordinate more effectively with nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center should be appointed as the White House Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership Liaison for the State of Iowa under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009-Strengthening Communities Fund-State, local and tribal Government Capacity Building Program.

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 authorize the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center to apply for a Strengthening Communities Fund-State, Local and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program grant (Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Funding Opportunity Number HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-SN-0092).
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 22nd day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE