WHEREAS, volunteerism and citizen action must be regarded as prime resources in our society; and

WHEREAS, Iowa state government encourages its citizens to offer their time and skills for the improvement of the quality of life and the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, the development and expansion of volunteer programs enhance the work of state agencies and institutions; and

WHEREAS, organizations need assistance to make effective use of such voluntary services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby formally establish the IOWA OFFICE FOR VOLUNTEERISM composed of a Director and an Advisory Council which will be responsible to the Governor.

THE VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COUNCIL shall be composed of not less than eight nor more than fifteen citizens with a broad representation of skills and interests in volunteerism, in order to guide, review, promote, and monitor the work of the State Office for Volunteerism.

The members of the Council shall be appointed by and serve at the will of the Governor with designated terms of two years; however, one-half of the initial members shall serve for one-year terms. The chairperson and the director shall also be appointed by the Governor to serve at his discretion.

The Iowa Office for Volunteerism shall:

1. Determine the dimensions, effectiveness, strengths, and weaknesses of volunteer programs in state agencies and institutions.

2. Provide greater recognition and visibility to volunteer efforts.
3. Serve as an information resource center on subjects related to volunteerism.

4. Provide technical assistance and consultation to the voluntary sector.

5. Identify areas in the public and private sector in which volunteers could make a contribution and encourage same.

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 2nd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

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Secretary of State