WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 1979 as the International Year of the Child; and

WHEREAS, 1979 is the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child; it provides an opportunity to recognize the potential of children; and

WHEREAS, Iowa takes pride in its children and works to enrich their lives and insure their healthy development; and

WHEREAS, the state should use this opportunity to promote a new awareness of existing policies and available resources to help, guide and sustain a happy healthy climate for young people in Iowa:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Iowa do hereby create and establish the Iowa Commission on the International Year of the Child which will be responsible to the Governor.

The Iowa Commission is to provide a statewide yearlong program for observance of the International Year of the Child. Its function will be to: a) promote a better understanding of the special needs of children; b) coordinate and stimulate public and private projects and activities for observance of the International Year of the Child.

IN FURTHERANCE WHEREOF, the following is also established:

Organization:

The Iowa Commission for the International Year of the Child will consist of an Honorary Chairperson, a chairperson and 11 members to be appointed by the Governor for a term to start immediately and to expire January 31, 1980. The Governor may appoint or remove such representatives as deemed to be beneficial to the advancement of the Commission's objectives.

Implementation:

To assist the Iowa Commission on the International Year of the Child, subcommittees may be formed to fulfill its goals, and there shall be at least the following three such committees:

1. A Nongovernmental Agency Coordinating Committee composed of private nonprofit agencies and organizations which serve the needs of children and subscribe to the mission of the International Year of the Child; and
2. An Intra-governmental Agency Coordinating Committee composed of representatives of state departments, advisory boards and councils which are concerned with the needs of children; and

3. A Public Relations Committee to promote activities and projects in conjunction with the International Year of the Child composed of a representative of each of Iowa's ninety-nine counties.

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 3rd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

Attest:
[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE DEPUTY