



State of Iowa

Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19

- WHEREAS,** this office announced the creation of the IOWA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, on March 31, 2000, through the issuance of EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIXTEEN; and
- WHEREAS,** EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIXTEEN directed the newly-formed Council to advise this office on all aspects of the food production system in Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** Council members organized the group into the following six subcommittees, upon the commencement of Council activities: food security subcommittee; consumer awareness subcommittee; environmental sustainability subcommittee; economic development and diversity subcommittee; production subcommittee; and marketing subcommittee; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council presented a preliminary set of recommendations to this office, which resulted in the following executive actions being taken: (1) the designation of a Washington, D.C. office to serve as a liaison in the food stamp re-authorization process; (2) the delivery of state financial support to fund a seniors farmers market nutrition program; and (3) the issuance of a directive to the Iowa Department of Economic Development to improve its communication with constituencies interested in the implementation of the A Taste of Iowa® program; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 30, 2001, the Council submitted its year-end report to this office, which contained over thirty specific recommendations for improving the food production policy of this state; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council has determined that further review is necessary before a comprehensive food production policy proposal for the State of Iowa can be finalized; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Iowa will benefit from the continued activities of the Council:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby order the continuation of the IOWA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.

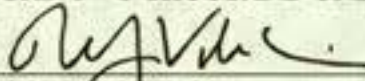
The provisions outlined in EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIXTEEN shall continue to govern the activities of the Council, with the following amendments:

1. The Council will be composed of 18-24 members appointed by the Governor.
2. The Council shall create two "inter-agency task forces," composed of representatives from various state agencies, to recommend improvements in state activities as they relate to food security, and the promotion of Iowa grown food products. Each task force shall report its findings and conclusions to the Council before the Council submits its final report to this office for review.
3. The Council shall examine ways to improve the opportunities of Iowa farmers and the state to mitigate the risks associated with food production and marketing, in a manner consistent with the support received from the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Assessment Agency.

The Council shall submit a final report outlining its findings and recommendations to the Governor's Office for review no later than April 30, 2002. The Council shall be dissolved after the final report has been submitted, unless an application to continue its activities has been approved by the Governor before April 30, 2002.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
21st DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND ONE.



THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE