

In The Name and By The Authority of The State of Iowa

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY**

WHEREAS, the New Iowans Study Committee was established in 2005 by the Legislative Council and charged to review the impact of the growing population of immigrants, migrant workers, and refugees who are relocating to the state to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony on range of policy issues affecting New Iowans in areas such as public safety, education, and access to jobs and human services, which helped provide legislators with a better understanding of some of the challenges New Iowans face; and

WHEREAS, the New Iowans Study Committee made a consensus recommendation to encourage the establishment of a task force to review the issues regarding the lack of a comprehensive identification system.

**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 and direct the establishment of a NEW IOWANS POLICY TASK FORCE.

- I. <u>Membership:</u> The NEW IOWANS POLICY TASK FORCE shall be comprised of 18 members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. Membership shall include the following representatives of the executive branch:
  - Commissioner of the Iowa Department of Public Safety, or his designee, who shall serve as chairperson;
  - > Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation, or her designee;
  - > Director of the Iowa Department of Workforce Development, or his designee;
  - Commissioner of the Iowa Insurance Division, or her designee;
  - > Administrator of the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs, or his designee;
  - Administrator of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, or his designee; and
  - A representative from the Refugee Services Bureau of the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Additionally, two members shall be New Iowans. Three members shall be representatives of the private sector business community based on the recommendations of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry and the Iowa Business Council. One member shall be a representative of A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy. One member shall be a representative of the Iowa County Attorneys Association. Four members shall be legislators of the Eighty-Second Iowa General Assembly representing each legislative caucus, serving ex-officio. The task force shall be staffed by the Iowa Department of Human Rights.

- II. <u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of the NEW IOWANS POLICY TASK FORCE is to make recommendations on how to address the public safety issues surrounding the lack of a comprehensive identification system.
- III. The NEW IOWANS POLICY TASK FORCE shall convene as soon as practicable after December 1, 2006, and submit a report on its activities and its recommendations to the legislative leaders of the 82<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly by January 15, 2007.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand six.

THOMAS J. VILSACK

**GOVERNOR** 

CHESTER J. CULVER SECRETARY OF STATE

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