

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

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIX**

- WHEREAS, an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has spread throughout Iowa and the world resulting in a global pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, the Iowa economy has been profoundly impacted by the pandemic, as an unprecedented number of Iowans have been unemployed and nearly all sectors of the economy have been affected, including agriculture, food service and accommodation, manufacturing, health care and social assistance, retailers, and the self-employed; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Iowa have stood strong together throughout this pandemic, taking actions to reduce the spread of the virus, providing essential goods and services in new ways, and developing creative solutions to adapt and rebuild; and
- WHEREAS, these current challenges present an opportunity for the people of Iowa to innovate and rebuild our state so that it will grow even stronger in the years to come; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Iowa shall benefit from a centralized coordination effort to learn from the challenges and innovations of Iowans across the state in response to this pandemic and to guide the continued rebuilding and growth of the Iowa economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa do hereby order the establishment of the Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board to serve as the central point of coordination of efforts to learn from the challenges and innovations of Iowans across the state in response to this pandemic and to guide the continued rebuilding and growth of the Iowa economy.

## **PURPOSES AND DUTIES**

- I. The Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board shall serve as the central point of coordination of state activities for the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the COVID-19 pandemic. The Advisory Board will work across all areas of state government to deliver an effective and efficient rebuilding and strengthening of Iowa's economy.
- II. The duties of the Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board shall include, but are not limited to, advising the Governor on:
  - A. Assessing the impact of the pandemic and innovative response and recovery efforts already underway across our state and all sectors of Iowa's economy; and
  - **B.** Providing inclusive opportunities for the full diversity of Iowans, including all communities, the public, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other stakeholders to provide input into the stabilization, recovery, and growth process.
  - C. Coordinating all levels and branches of government, private and nonprofit organizations to implement stabilization, recovery, and growth efforts; and

- **D.** Identifying funding sources and innovative funding alternatives for stabilization, recovery, and growth efforts; and
- E. Developing solutions to fill the gaps in current and long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts; and
- F. Identifying appropriate metrics and benchmarks that measure Iowa's economic stabilization, recovery, and growth; and
- III. The Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board shall also provide oversight and coordination of all working groups established by this Executive Order.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

- IV. Advisory Board Membership. The Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board shall consist of a chair, the State's Chief Economist, and any additional members deemed necessary by the Governor. Each appointed member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation.
- V. Working Groups. The Governor shall appoint working groups charged with assisting the Advisory Board in coordinating a comprehensive recovery and growth effort. The Governor shall appoint a chair and any additional members she deems necessary for each working group. The working group chairs and members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation. The following working groups shall be established:
  - A. Agriculture
  - **B.** Connectivity
  - C. Economic Growth
  - **D.** Education
  - E. Government
  - F. Public Health and Healthcare
  - G. Expanding Iowa's Workforce
- VI. Meetings. The Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board shall hold public meetings as scheduled by the chair of the Advisory Board.
- VII. Staffing and Support. Staffing and administrative assistance for the Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board shall be provided by the Office of the Governor and by other agencies, persons, or organizations from time to time as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Advisory Board or the Office of the Governor.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION

- VIII. All departments, agencies, boards, or other political subdivisions of any state and local governments shall cooperate fully with the Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. The Advisory Board may seek the expertise and services of individuals and entities outside of its membership for research, advice, and other needs, as necessary or appropriate, to accomplish its mission.
  - IX. All work of the Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board shall be done in a manner consistent with the laws and regulations of the State of Iowa, and of the laws and regulations of the United States of America.
  - X. This Executive Order shall be interpreted in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and shall not supersede any laws or regulations in place as of its effective date. If any provision of this Executive Order is found to be invalid, unenforceable, or otherwise contrary to applicable law, then the remaining provisions of this Executive Order, as applied to any person or circumstance, in shall continue in full force and effect and shall not be affected by such finding of invalidity or unenforceability.

- XI. This Executive Order does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, by any party against the State of Iowa, its departments, agencies, or political subdivisions, or its officers, employees, agents, or any other persons.
- XII. This Executive Order shall apply prospectively only as of its effective date.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER. DONE IN DES MOINES, IOWA THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN.

KIM REYNOLDS

GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL D. PATE

SECRETARY OF STATE