

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SEVENTY-SIX

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2010 the United States Department of Health & Human Services expressed concern that the Department on Aging's policy at that time effectively prohibited the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman from communicating directly with legislators; and

WHEREAS, together, the Director of the Department on Aging, Donna Harvey, and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Deanna Clingan-Fischer, have announced that they are fulfilling all requirements of federal and state laws in Iowa, negating the need for Executive Order 24 by Governor Chester J. Culver; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation that benefits older Iowans, the Director of the Department on Aging, Donna Harvey and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Deanna Clingan-Fischer, have brought positive and productive changes to the working relationship between their offices to serve the best interests of older Iowans; and

WHEREAS, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Director of the Department on Aging are serving older Iowans by focusing on the safety of older Iowans and improving their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, older Iowans are a treasured asset of our state and they will benefit from the positive changes that have occurred since 2010 with respect to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the Department on Aging.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, declare that the Long Term Care Ombudsman program is and shall remain an independent voice for Iowans in long-term care facilities and shall continue to meet all requirements of the Federal Older Americans Act, but shall be housed with and administratively supported by the Department on Aging. I hereby order and direct that Executive Order Number 24, dated May 28, 2010, issued by Governor Chester J. Culver, shall be rescinded.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE