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WHEREAS,

the family is a major influence on a child's life and should be strengthened and supported; and

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the State needs to work effectively with the many public and private efforts in existence to encourage and support children and families; and

WHEREAS:

the Iowa Council for Children and Families, since it was created in 1976, has proven to be a useful agent in providing information, improving access to existing services, advocating needed services, and seeking citizen input for policies, programs, and decisions affecting children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Laws of Iowa, do hereby continue the voluntary Iowa Council for Children and Families for the following purposes and objectives:

The Iowa Council for Children and Families shall encourage the effective use of public and private services to provide maximum opportunities for children and families to utilize and develop their resources effectively and shall provide the following services:

- CONSULTATION The Council shall consult with state, local and private agencies and organizations concerning programs and services for children and families, gather information regarding those programs and services, and develop an information center for use by state, local and private organizations and the public.
- 2. INFORMATION The Council shall aid in the facilitation of communication among state and local agencies, private organizations and the public. It will develop methods to inform the public of available resources for parents and children and provide assistance toward appropriate use thereof. It shall gather information on a statewide basis to provide decision makers who are planning annual priorities with those items which families and service providers believe to be of greatest importance.
- 3. COORDINATION The Council shall encourage coordination of services to children and families at the state and community level. It will work with providers and recipients of services at all levels for the improvement and development of needed services, which affect the health, education and well-being of Iowa children and families.

STRUCTURE

The Iowa Council for Children and Families, to be continued as herein provided, shall be composed of up to seven members and shall include parents and representatives of various races and socio-economic levels. An additional four members shall sit on the Council, one each being appointed to represent the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Public Instruction and the Board of Regents. Members shall be appointed for one-year terms and may be reappointed. Appointments and the naming of the chairperson shall be made by the Governor. This Council shall continue in effect until June 30, 1984.

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 27th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two.

GOVERNOR