WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and the regulations (the "Regulations") promulgated thereunder require certain procedural steps be taken prior to the issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Code and the Regulations provide that an applicable elected representative of the State of Nebraska must approve the issuance of certain private activity bonds following a duly noticed public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Code and the Regulations provide that the chief elected executive officer of the State of Nebraska may designate any elected official to approve such private activity bonds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Johanns, Governor of the State of Nebraska, as the chief elected executive officer of the State of Nebraska, do hereby designate John Gale, as an "applicable elected representative" (as defined in Section 147(f)(2)(E) of the Code) for purposes of approving private activity bonds.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 19th day of December, 2000.

Mike Johanns
Governor

Attest:
John Gale
Secretary of State