WHEREAS, recycling is an important component in government's effort to deal effectively with solid waste management, ground and surface water contamination, air pollution, high energy costs, and overflowing landfills; and

WHEREAS, all state agencies were mandated through prior Executive Orders #89-2 and #91-4 to recycle paper and other products and to purchase and use recycled paper whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the State has made great strides in recycling with over 7,000 pounds of paper being recycled daily by state agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Nebraska, hereby order the following:

1. The State Government Recycling Initiative shall continue to include all previously established assistance to state agencies, assistance to political subdivisions in cooperative purchasing agreements of recycled materials through state contracts, and information to the private sector on responsible recycling practices and available opportunities.

2. All state agencies shall continue using recycled paper for all appropriate uses, provided such usage does not result in a substantially greater cost or inferior quality.

3. All state agencies shall continue the practice of recycling paper and other products according to state statutes and provisions of this Executive Order. The recycling coordinator will arrange for the recycling of paper and other products when appropriate.
4. State agencies shall educate their employees regarding recycling practices and institute these practices whenever possible.

5. This Executive Order reaffirms the principles contained in but rescinds and supersedes prior Executive Orders #89-2 and #91-4.

6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 10th day of July, 2007.

Dave Heineman, Governor
State of Nebraska

Attest:

John A. Gale, Secretary of State