By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Nebraska, it is ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

Effective July 1, 1980, the State Energy Office, created by section 81-1601, Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is hereby established as a separate agency of state government and the State Energy Office, as a division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue, is hereby dissolved.

SECTION 2. NEED FOR AN INDEPENDENT STATE ENERGY OFFICE

Following the establishment of the State Energy Office as a division within the Nebraska Department of Revenue, the adequate supply and prudent use of energy have gained increasing importance as factors affecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Nebraska. Actions of government at all levels, including the state level, can impact the supply and use of energy. In executing the constitutional charge that I take care that the affairs of the State are efficiently and economically administered, I have determined that the establishment of the State Energy Office as a separate executive department within state government is in the best interests of the citizens of Nebraska.

SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE

(a) The State Energy Office shall carry out all duties and responsibilities assigned to the agency by Chapter 81, Article 16, Revised Statutes of Nebraska and by Laws 1980, LB954, and any other duties assigned to the agency pursuant to state or federal law.

(b) The agency shall administer all fuel allocation programs for the State of Nebraska as authorized by Laws 1980, LB954, Sec. 58.

(c) The Director of the State Energy Office shall assume complete responsibility for all books, records, and property of the State Energy Office.

(d) The Director shall be accountable for the proper expenditure of all funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to law for the purpose of carrying out any program or activity assigned to the State Energy Office.

(e) The Director shall carry out other duties and responsibilities that, from time to time, may be assigned.
SECTION 4. DIRECTIVE TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Director of the Department of Administrative services is hereby directed to take all necessary actions to provide for the separate accounting and proper accountability of all funds appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the functions assigned to the State Energy Office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed. DONE at Lincoln this 13th day of June in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(s) Governor

(s) Secretary of State