At the request of President Ronald Reagan, the Congress of the United States has authorized block grants to the several states.

Successful implementation of the block grant program will require the close cooperation of state and local officials.

In order to better provide for such cooperation, I, Charles Thome, Governor of the State of Nebraska, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Nebraska Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations is hereby created.

2. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure. Commission membership shall include elected city officials, elected county officials, members of the Legislature, members of the executive branch of state government and interested citizens.

3. The purpose of the Commission is to develop policy recommendations on the distribution of federal block grant funds from the state to local governments. It shall not be the purpose of the Commission to advocate increasing state general fund expenditures to offset reduction of federal funds, because taxpayers are ill served by a tax reduction in Washington if it means increased tax liability at home.

4. The Commission shall serve as a forum for consultation between state and local officials and as a clearinghouse for information on intergovernmental relations.

5. The Commission's existence shall terminate July 1, 1982, unless specifically extended by Executive Order of the Governor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed. DONE at Lincoln this 18th day of September in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-one.

CHARLES THONE
Governor

ATTEND:

ALLEN J. BEERMANN
Secretary of State