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STATE of NEBRASKA  
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EXECUTIVE ORDER #11

WHEREAS, disabled persons share with non-disabled persons the same basic needs for productive and meaningful employment, access to their communities and workplaces, and social, recreational and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to increase participation of all disabled citizens in all aspects of life in our society, to assure that all our citizens have the opportunity to contribute to, and share in, the "Good Life" of this Great State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, increased participation of the disabled can best be accomplished through the building and strengthening of partnerships among the public, private and voluntary sectors of our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLES THONE, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby reaffirm the establishment of the Nebraska Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, for the purposes of:

I.

Increasing public awareness of problems faced by disabled persons, including, but not limited to, attitudinal and environmental barriers to productive and meaningful participation in society;

II.

Facilitating the development of solutions to said problems through cooperative efforts of public, private, and voluntary persons and organizations; and

III.

Publicly recognizing outstanding public, private and voluntary contributions to the goal of full participation of the disabled in our society.

THE COMMITTEE shall consist of a maximum of twenty-five (25) persons to be appointed by the Governor, for a specified two-year term which may be renewed. Further, the Committee shall engage in, but not be limited to, the following activities:

1. Hold meetings at least once each quarter;
2. Cooperate with all public, private and voluntary organizations to help increase the participation of disabled persons in all aspects of life in our society, through coordination of the State of Nebraska's continued efforts related to the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP: 1981), and the National Year of Disabled Persons (NYDP: 1982);
3. Hold an annual "ABILITY COUNTS" Award Ceremony to recognize outstanding and meritorious achievements of public, private and voluntary persons or organizations which further the goals and purposes of the Committee.

All State agencies are hereby requested and directed to cooperate fully with this Committee in its efforts hereunder. This Committee shall immediately transmit a copy of this Order to all State agencies.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two.

(s) Charles Thorne

(s) Allen Beermann