WHEREAS, 1987 marks the two-hundredth year of the United States Constitution, the oldest surviving Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial of the Constitution is an occasion for celebrating the establishment of our country as the United States of America under the social and political experiment of a Free Republic, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the United States has called upon the states to join the celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that state government create a framework within which such a celebration may occur,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay A. Orr, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Nebraska, hereby order the following:

1. The United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Nebraska is hereby created. The Commission members will be appointed by the Governor. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

2. The Commission shall prepare an overall program for commemorating the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution in 1987, and shall plan, encourage, develop and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the United States Constitution.

3. In preparing its plans and programs, the Commission shall consider any related plans and programs developed by the National Commission and local and private groups, and shall work to ensure state-wide involvement. The Commission may designate special committees with representatives from such bodies to plan, develop and coordinate specific activities.

4. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the United States Constitution Bicentennial Commission of Nebraska shall consult, cooperate with and seek advice from appropriate state departments and agencies, local public bodies, learned societies, and historical, patriotic, philanthropic, educational, civic, professional and related organizations across the state. State government departments and agencies are encouraged to cooperate with the Commission in planning, developing and promoting appropriate commemorative activities.

5. The Commission may, if it deems necessary, form separate corporate or administrative structures in order to carry out its responsibilities under this Order. The Commission may employ a Executive Director and staff to perform the duties designated by the Commission.
6. Not later than July 1, 1987, the Commission shall submit to the Governor a report incorporating its specific recommendations for the commemoration of the United States Constitution Bicentennial and related events.

7. This Order shall become effective immediately.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 11th day of February, 1987.

Attest:

Secretary of State