EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 87-06

COORDINATION OF STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Thereby, the Governor is responsible for the general welfare of the citizens of our state;

Whereas, the statutes of the State of Nebraska give the Governor authority relating to certain types of emergencies, and the responsibility to issue appropriate state disaster declarations and to request federal government disaster designations;

Whereas, under the present emergency response system, numerous state agencies have authority to report and respond to various types of emergencies;

Whereas, the existence of an emergency requires a direct and effective communication linkage between the appropriate state agency or agencies, and the Governor and the Governor's staff;

Whereas, timely fact-finding and communication in an emergency situation is critical to the effective coordination of all state agency resources and to facilitate prompt and efficient action by the Governor, including the appropriate and prompt request for federal agency assistance;

Whereas, the foregoing can best be accomplished by the appointment of one state official to coordinate such activity on behalf of the Governor;

Now, therefore, I, Kay A. Orr, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Nebraska, including sections 81-829.40, R.R.S. 1943, hereby order as follows:

The State Fire Marshal is hereby designated as the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) to coordinate state emergency response activities on behalf of the Governor, to keep the Governor informed during all types of emergencies, to assist in the preparation of disaster declarations, to communicate the Governor's directives to the state agency or agencies which are prepared to respond to an emergency situation, and to assist the Governor in working with federal agencies on programs which may be able to render assistance to the people of Nebraska in such situations.

Dated this day of December, 1987

KAY A. ORR
Governor

Attest:

ALLEN J. BEERMAN
Secretary of State