



STATE *of* NEBRASKA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 89-2

WHEREAS, the United States generates more garbage per capita than any other country in the world producing more than 160 million tons of garbage each year.

WHEREAS, the 3.5 pounds per person of garbage thrown away each day contributes to ground and surface water contamination, air pollution, high energy costs, and overflowing landfills.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 50% or more of our garbage is reusable or recyclable, and yet the United States recycles only 10% of its garbage compared with 30% in western Europe and 50% in Japan.

WHEREAS, when recycling began nearly 20 years ago, it was in response to an energy crisis. Today, we also face a solid waste management crisis and recycling still holds many answers. Recycling continues to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources and now reduces our demand on landfills as well.

WHEREAS, over 600 recycling programs are in operation around the country ranging from newspaper drives to mandatory community-wide waste reduction programs.

WHEREAS, by issuing this executive order, Nebraska's state government will join 26 other states in instituting a comprehensive initiative to reduce the amount of waste produced, reuse products where appropriate, and recycle whenever possible.

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

1. The position of State Recycling Coordinator will be created within the State Energy Office. The coordinator is responsible for implementing this recycling initiative and other recycling measures which benefit state government.

2. All state agencies will begin using recycled paper for stationery, publications and other appropriate needs at the earliest possible convenience.

3. All state agencies will begin the practice of source separation of paper. The recycling coordinator will arrange for the recycling of paper and other products when appropriate.

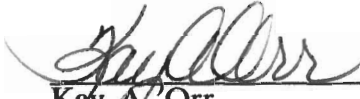
4. State agencies will educate their employees regarding recycling practices and will institute these practices whenever possible.

5. Recognition awards will be given to state agencies demonstrating exceptional recycling practices.

6. An advisory committee will be established consisting of representatives of appropriate state agencies to oversee the work of the recycling coordinator and to guide the implementation of the recycling initiative.


7. This executive order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 6 day of October, 1989.



Kay A. Orr
Governor

Attest:



Allen J. Beermann
Secretary of State

