WHEREAS, disaster and emergency preparedness and response is a vital function of state government; and

WHEREAS, Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) has established Emergency planning and community Right-To-Know requirements relating to hazardous materials for State and local governments and the chemical industry; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska has a commitment to comply with those requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay A. Orr, Governor of the State of Nebraska, hereby order and direct:

In accordance with SARA Title III and this Executive Order, there shall be established a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) to consist of the directors from the Nebraska Military Department, Nebraska Department of Environmental Control, State Health Department, Nebraska State Patrol, Department of Roads, the State Fire Marshal, the Nebraska State Fire Service and such representatives of Industry in Nebraska as the Governor shall deem necessary.

The Adjutant General and State Civil Defense Director shall serve as the chairperson of the SERC. The SERC is charged with overseeing compliance with SARA Title III.

The Nebraska State Civil Defense Agency (SCDA), Department of Military, is designated the agency of state government having primary responsibility and authority for Title III emergency planning, and emergency response training for the state and for coordination and liaison with related agencies of the Federal Government, other states and the private sector in planning and training matters.

The Department of Environmental Control (DEC) is designated the agency of state government having the primary responsibility and authority for the Community Right-To-Know, Hazard Assessment and the spill reporting requirements as defined in (SARA): Title III, and for the coordination and liaison with related agencies of the Federal Government, other states and the private sector in matters relating to community Right-To-Know, Hazard Assessment and Reporting.

All departments and agencies having disaster responsibilities, as defined in the State Emergency Operations Plan, shall designate a representative of their department to serve as the emergency coordinator for that department. That Emergency Coordinator must have the authority to coordinate and direct all emergency planning and response functions for that department or agency to include assistance in exercising emergency plans.
Each agency or department shall insure that their Emergency Coordinator, or their representative participate at scheduled emergency planning meetings.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated this

KAY A. ORR
Governor

ATTEST:

ALLEN J. BEERMANN
Secretary of State