WHEREAS it is necessary to establish an organization to study the feasibility of constructing a system of trails and "greenways" across the state that would link existing trails, historical and recreational sites, and be used by hikers, bikers, equestrians, sportsmen and nature lovers of all sorts, as well as to review existing and planned trails in communities throughout the state (as has been called for by that section of the state's September 1990 Predisbursement Plan for the use of Nebraska Energy Settlement Funds entitled "Feasibility Study for Trans-Nebraska Bike Path"); and

WHEREAS there is a need to unite diverse local and private efforts regarding the establishment of recreational trails; and

WHEREAS the State of Nebraska can and should take a leadership role in this valuable effort that reflects local, regional and national trends, and which can have a positive impact upon the economy, health, recreational habits, urban-rural relations, land use patterns and transportation systems of this state and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay A. Orr, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Nebraska, do hereby order the creation of the Nebraska State Recreational Trails Committee, previously known as the Governor's Bicycling Advisory Council, to carry out the above-stated tasks. Members of said committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for terms of two years, meet a minimum of four times per year, and develop all rules of governance necessary to conduct business. Membership shall be no less than nine and no more than nineteen persons, all citizens of the State of Nebraska, and shall represent the many diverse interests affected by recreational trails. Membership may also include up to three members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, and ex-officio members representing various governmental, quasi-governmental, and private entities with expertise that can assist the committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand, and the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed, this 5th day of December, 1990.