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WHEREAS, recycling is an important component in government's effort to deal effectively with solid waste management, ground and surface water contamination, air pollution, high energy costs, and overflowing landfills; and,

WHEREAS, recycling one ton of paper saves up to 17 trees, 4100 kilowatts of energy, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, and reduces air pollution effluent by 60 pounds; and,

WHEREAS, if the United States increased recycling by 10% over projected 1992 recycling rates and 30% over projected 2008 recycling rates, the nation would save \$30 billion; and,

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1989, the State of Nebraska undertook the State Government Recycling Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, all state agencies were mandated through Executive Order 89-2 to recycle paper and other products and to purchase and use recycled paper whenever possible; and,

WHEREAS, 29 state agencies representing thousands of employees are now trained in responsible practices for home and workplace recycling; and,

WHEREAS, over 4,000 pounds of paper are being recycled daily by state agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska is now purchasing recycled paper as a first choice whenever supplies are available.

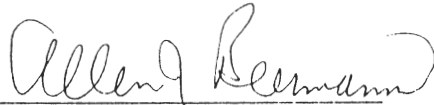
NOW, THEREFORE, I, E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Nebraska, hereby order the following:

1. All state agencies shall continue the policy of recycling paper and all other products according to state statutes and provisions of this Executive Order.
2. All state agencies shall continue the policy of paper conservation, purchasing recycled paper, and shall implement the policy of first choice consideration of other recycled products.
3. The State Government Recycling Initiative shall be expanded to include:
 - (a) assistance to local governments and other political subdivisions in cooperative purchasing agreements of recycled materials through state contracts.
 - (b) information to the private sector on responsible recycling practices and available opportunities.
4. The advisory committee established under Executive Order 89-2 shall continue to oversee the activities undertaken through the State Government Recycling Initiative including recognition of outstanding efforts by state agencies.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 31 day of January, 1991.


E. Benjamin Nelson
Governor

Attest:


Allen J. Beermann
Secretary of State

