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**Whereas**, for the last two decades the United States has been draining its economy by voluntarily exporting its national wealth in exchange for imported oil. The nation has spent over \$1.5 trillion since 1970 for imported oil, accounting for almost all the nation's accumulated foreign trade deficit.

**Whereas**, our cars, trucks, buses, and planes rely almost exclusively on gasoline, diesel, and aviation fuel from crude oil. Any attempt to reduce our dependence on imported oil must focus on the transportation sector.

**Whereas**, the nation's use of oil for transportation has been growing rapidly. Since 1976, the amount of oil the nation uses for transportation alone has exceeded its domestic oil production. In 1990, the transportation sector accounted for two-thirds of all U.S. petroleum use and about one-fourth of total U.S. energy consumption—at a cost of about \$200 billion.

**Whereas**, the efficient transportation of people, goods, and services is essential to the economic and social vitality of our nation and state. The transportation sector's near-total dependence on imported oil also affects our energy security and environmental well-being.

**Whereas**, the increased use of alternative transportation fuels will allow Nebraska to continue its compliance with air quality standards under the federal *Clean Air Act*.

**Whereas**, alternative domestic transportation fuels such as ethanol, compressed natural gas, propane, biofuels, and electricity are available, and increased use of these fuels will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and provide economic development opportunities for Nebraskans.

**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 statutes of the State of Nebraska, hereby order the following:

1. The State Energy Office will establish the Nebraska Alternative Fuels Committee, which will be composed of one representative from each of the following:

League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Lincoln Transportation System  
Metropolitan Area Transit Administration  
Nebraska Association of School Administrators  
Nebraska Association of Transportation Providers  
Nebraska Blue Flame Natural Gas Association  
Nebraska County Officials Association  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Nebraska Ethanol Board  
Nebraska Motor Carriers Association  
Nebraska New Car Dealers Association  
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers

Nebraska Power Association  
Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, Transportation Service Bureau  
Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality  
Nebraska State Energy Office  
Nebraska Department of Roads  
Nebraska Soybean Board  
Propane Gas Association of Nebraska  
University of Nebraska  
one member to represent consumers  
one member to represent conservation interests  
two representatives from the state's private fleet operators

Organization representatives will be designated by their respective organizations. The Governor will appoint members of the committee to represent consumer and conservation interests, and private fleet operators. The director of the Energy Office will serve as the chair of the committee.

2. The committee will develop and recommend strategies for the increased use of alternative fuels in the state, thereby helping Nebraskans reduce their reliance on imported oil.

3. The committee will identify structural, technological, and economic obstacles which hamper the increased use of alternative fuels in Nebraska.

4. The committee will coordinate efforts and resources in the marketing, promotion, and education of the public in the development of Nebraska's alternative fuels infrastructure.

5. The committee will monitor the supply of fuel and demand for vehicles to comply with the provisions of the *National Energy Policy Act of 1992*.


6. The Administrator of the Department of Administrative Services' Transportation Services Bureau is hereby designated Nebraska's Alternative Fuel Transportation Coordinator, and is responsible for providing information to state agencies and local government subdivisions regarding the acquisition of alternative fuel vehicles and location of fueling facilities.

7. The committee will issue a periodic report documenting areas of success, recommending legislation or policy initiatives, and identifying other areas requiring further attention.


8. *Alternative fuels* are those fuels defined as such under the *Energy Policy Act of 1992*.

9. This executive order will take effect immediately.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 22ND day of April, 1993.

  
E. Benjamin Nelson  
Governor

Attest:

  
Allen J. Beerman  
Secretary of State

