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STATE *of* NEBRASKA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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WHEREAS, capitalizing on opportunities presented by the Information Age requires a statewide vision and strategic plan for information technology, a process to integrate widely distributed decision-making, and a clearinghouse for technical support and best practices information; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska has a need to provide proper organizational and support structures to ensure cost-effective investments in information technology; and

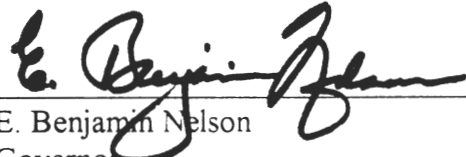
WHEREAS, a Commission of Government, Education, and Community private sector individuals should be formed to provide direction and guidance in the area of allocating state resources for information technology infrastructure, and to develop a statewide vision and strategic information technology plan, and to present recommendations to the Governor and Legislature, as well as to provide assistance in setting statewide standards and guidelines,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

1. The Nebraska Information Technology Commission is hereby created. Membership of the Commission shall include but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) One member representing Elementary and Secondary Education;
 - (b) One member representing Postsecondary Education;
 - (c) One member representing State Government;
 - (d) One member representing Nebraska Communities; and
 - (e) Five members of the general public with experience in developing strategic plans and making high-level business decisions regarding information technology.
2. The Governor, or a designee serving at the pleasure of the Governor, shall serve as Chair of the Commission.

3. The Commission shall be assisted in its work by councils representing education, government and communities. The purpose of the councils is to identify, prioritize and coordinate user needs. Council members shall be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission shall designate a technical support panel to assist the Commission and the councils with respect to technical issues.
4. The Nebraska Information Technology Commission shall be assigned the task of developing recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on the following:
 - (a) a statewide vision for information technology for the State of Nebraska;
 - (b) a statewide strategic plan to assist in successfully achieving the statewide vision; and
 - (c) criteria for allocating state resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 19th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.



E. Benjamin Nelson
Governor

Attest:



Scott Moore
Secretary of State

