



State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY - EIGHT

- WHEREAS,** this office announced the creation of the IOWA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, on March 31, 2000, in EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIXTEEN, and continued its existence in EXECUTIVE ORDERS NUMBER NINETEEN and TWENTY-NINE; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council continues to serve a need by providing the people of Iowa with a vehicle to meet and discuss opportunities for using policy actions by state and local governments to promote a stronger and more diverse food system; and
- WHEREAS,** Drake University's Agricultural Law Center, with financial support from Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture, is examining how state and local food policy councils are a productive form of civic engagement, and is providing the staff and funding to support the work of the Iowa Food Policy Council, and
- WHEREAS** The Council continues to provide leadership to the State of Iowa by examining how food policy councils can be used to create more economic development opportunities for farmers, improve access to food for consumers and enhance the well-being of communities; and
- WHEREAS** The Council and its Food Security Task Force have been recognized by Congress for leadership and contributions to improving the operation of Iowa's food assistance programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Drake University and the Iowa Food Policy Council sponsor the annual Iowa Food Policy Conference, most recently held September 10, 2004, to convene stakeholders in Iowa's food system and provide a comprehensive public educational event to discuss opportunities in Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** The Iowa Food Policy Council has provided a report to the Governor and the state including specific policy recommendations for how to improve the opportunities in Iowa's food system, and
- WHEREAS,** The Council has determined further review is necessary in order to make additional recommendations for comprehensive food policy proposals for the State of Iowa; and

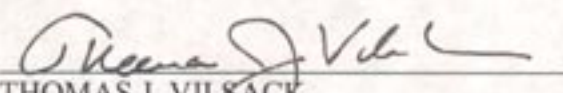
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby order the continuation of the IOWA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, as established and set forth in Executive Orders Sixteen, Nineteen and Twenty-Nine with the same powers and authority.

The provisions outlined in EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY-NINE shall continue to govern the activities of the council, with the following amendments:

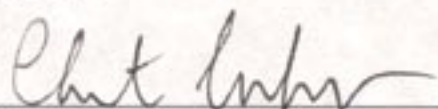
1. The Council will hold the Fourth Iowa Food Policy Conference in September 2005.
2. The Council will continue the work of three inter-agency task forces, focused on recommending improvements in state activities relating to food security, increasing institutional purchases of Iowa food products, and promoting use of locally grown food products.
3. The task force formerly know as the "Food Security Task Force" will broaden its work to include health and nutrition and will now operate as the Food Security and Health Task Force
4. The Council will work with interested communities to support the Buy Fresh Buy Local campaign administered through the Practical Farmers of Iowa, and will continue the effort to create a state-wide Buy Fresh Buy Local initiative using public- private partnerships.
5. The Council will continue to develop a blueprint for the food industry in Iowa to use community-based food processing in rural economic development, including an effort to identify the potential for a poultry-processing facility to serve producers and consumers in central Iowa.
6. The Council shall submit an annual report outlining its findings and recommendations to the Governor for review no later than September 30th of each year. The Council will continue in operation until such time as the Governor determines its activities are no longer necessary for the people of Iowa.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand four.




THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE