



# State of Iowa

## Executive Department

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

Executive Order Number 44

WHEREAS, declining school enrollments have resulted in approximately 200 vacant school buildings in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that a number of these vacant school buildings might be converted to alternate uses and utilized by churches, businesses, nonprofit associations and government entities; and

WHEREAS, alternate uses of vacant school buildings could pose significant economic benefits for local school districts and private and public entities which need additional space; and

WHEREAS, this potential for alternative uses of vacant school buildings was recognized by the enactment of Senate File 2046 which requires state agencies, counties and cities to consider leasing vacant school buildings prior to the leasing, purchase or construction of a building; and

WHEREAS, Senate File 2046 requires the Governor to issue an Executive Order to require state agencies to consider the leasing of vacant school buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of Iowa do hereby order and direct the following:

1. That the Department of Public Instruction notify each school district of the provisions in Senate File 2046, develop and maintain a list of vacant school buildings and make this list available to all state agencies with authority to lease, to purchase, or to construct buildings;
2. That all state agencies consider leasing appropriately located vacant school buildings prior to leasing space, or purchasing or constructing another building;
3. That such consideration include, but not be limited to the extent to which the location, cost and structure of the vacant school building meet the needs of the state agency;
4. That such consideration be made a part of the procedures used now and in the future by state agencies before a building is leased, purchased, or built;
5. That such consideration be documented, that the document be retained as part of the file relating to the lease, purchase or construction of the building by the state agency, and that the documentation be made available upon request.



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 29th day of July  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine  
hundred eighty-two.

*Robert Taylor*  
GOVERNOR

Attest:

*Mary Jane Odell*  
SECRETARY OF STATE