


State of Iowa
Executive Department

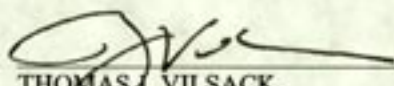
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TWENTY-THREE

- WHEREAS,** over the past ten days, the bacteria associated with Anthrax has been discovered in samples taken from three individuals employed in one building located in Boca Raton, Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** medical personnel have been unable to determine the manner in which the three people contracted the infection; and
- WHEREAS,** federal officials are currently investigating the infections to determine where and how the bacteria was introduced, and whether there is a connection between the contamination and the terrorist attacks launched against this country on September 11, 2001; and
- WHEREAS,** laboratories across the country maintain various strains of Anthrax for study and research; and
- WHEREAS,** several laboratories in the State of Iowa possess strains of Anthrax for study and research; and
- WHEREAS,** strict security protocols are being developed to safeguard the stock of Anthrax possessed by Iowa laboratories; and
- WHEREAS,** the safety concerns of Iowans have been heightened, in the aftermath of September 11th, by reports of possible bio-terrorist attacks; and
- WHEREAS,** precautionary measures taken ensure the secure security of biological agents used in Iowa laboratories for study and research would promote the health, safety, welfare, and security of Iowa residents:

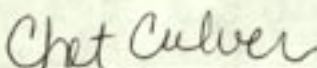
NOW, THEREFORE, I Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby order the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard to call sufficient National Guard personnel to provide a security presence at designated Iowa laboratories. The laboratories designated for a security presence under this Order shall only be those facilities that possess a sufficient stock of biological agents that can be easily utilized for a widespread biological attack. The security presence shall remain in place at designated laboratories until the Director for the Iowa Department of Emergency Management has approved at the laboratory's security protocol.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.



THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE
by J. Klaassen, Deputy