

State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER EIGHT

WHEREAS, it is the historic policy of the United States and the state of Iowa to provide safe asylum to refugees who are the victims of war and persecution and who have been forced from their homeland; and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa, pursuant to the Refugee Act of 1980 and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, receives federal funds for the purpose of coordinating and providing services to refugees in Iowa, their families and other public and private agencies serving refugees; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Refugee Service Center has been the organization in state government responsible for coordinating and providing these services in Iowa since 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the state of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Iowa, do hereby formally establish the Iowa Refugee Service Center with an Executive Director to serve at the pleasure of the Governor to:

- I. Coordinate, develop, and implement federal, state and local programs which provide resettlement services and other social services which promote the economic self-sufficiency and social self-reliance of refugees and other eligible groups.
- II. Provide specialized cultural information and immigration and other services to refugees, entrants, and immigrants as well as the private individuals, organizations, corporations, and state agencies whose activities are associated with them.

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 27th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

Terry E. Branstad
GOVERNOR

