



# State of Iowa

## Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE

- WHEREAS, the people of Iowa recognize the fundamental importance of foreign language study and international education in an increasingly interdependent world; and
- WHEREAS, additional efforts must be made to increase the number of Iowans with a fluency and proficiency in foreign languages, and with an understanding of and an appreciation for foreign cultures; and
- WHEREAS, an aggressive effort in foreign language training can give Iowans a clear advantage in a competitive world economy.
- NOW THEREFORE, I Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby order that:
- I. There shall be created an Iowa Commission on Foreign Language Studies and International Education to be appointed by the Governor whose membership shall include representatives from:
    - A. Faculty of Higher Education Institutions, Secondary Schools, and Primary Schools
    - B. Business and Industry
    - C. Government
    - D. General Public
  - II. The Commission on Foreign Language Studies and International Education shall be administratively attached to the Department of Education. With the approval of the Director of the Department of Education, the Department shall fund the travel and administrative expenses of the Commission. The Commission shall have a Chairperson, appointed by the Governor to serve for a term of two years. One half of the initial members shall serve for a term of two years and the remaining half shall serve for three years. Subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three years. The Commission shall consist of at least 20 members and no more than 28 members.
  - III. The Commission's charge shall include but need not be limited to:
    - A. Coordinating and enhancing efforts to inform and educate Iowans on the importance of foreign language study and international education.

- B. Promoting a comprehensive foreign language and international studies program for Iowa, extending from kindergarten through college and beyond.
  - C. Developing closer and more productive relationships between educational programs and the business community and encouraging efforts to explore the educational and economic benefits of such relationships.
  - D. Working with appropriate state and private agencies to promote international exchange programs.
  - E. Presenting an annual written report to the Governor, the Board of Regents, and the State Board of Education and providing continuing advice on coordination and implementation of recommendations.
- IV. The Chairperson shall be responsible for calling meetings and preparing meeting agendas with the advice of the membership.
- V. After a period of five years, the Iowa Commission on Foreign Language Studies and International Education shall make a recommendation to the Governor regarding the continuation of the Commission. The Governor shall review this recommendation and shall make a decision to continue or discontinue the Commission. Following this review, the Governor shall review the status of the Commission upon each subsequent appointment of the chairperson.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done on this 27th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight.

Terry E. Branstad  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Baxter  
SECRETARY OF STATE