


State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 54

WHEREAS, natural and technological disasters are an ever present and continuing threat to the people of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, these disasters can cause substantial losses to the citizens of the state, in both lives and property; and

WHEREAS, through effective, planned response by state and local governments, the destructive nature of these disasters can be mitigated; and

WHEREAS, an effective statewide Hazard Mitigation Program must be centrally orchestrated, involve all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, government officials must continually strive to promote Hazard Mitigation, and develop new cost reducing initiatives.

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 39 was enacted on September 12, 1990 creating the Iowa Hazard Mitigation Team.

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, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29C, Code of Iowa, do hereby order that:

- I. Executive Order Number 39 be rescinded and replaced with Executive Order Number 54.
- II. There shall be created an Iowa Hazard Mitigation Team whose membership shall include representatives from the following State agencies and permanent members who shall participate in all Hazard Mitigation Team activities.
 - A. Department of Public Defense, Emergency Management Division, who will act as chair for the Hazard Mitigation Team and will coordinate activities of the Team;
 - B. Department of General Services;
 - C. Department of Natural Resources;
 - D. Department of Public Health
 - E. Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship;
 - F. Department of Justice;
 - G. Department of Commerce;
 - H. Department of Management;
 - I. Department of Revenue and Finance;
 - J. Department of Transportation;
 - K. Department of Economic Development;
 - L. Department of Education;
 - M. Department of Public Safety;
 - N. Department of Employment Services;
 - O. Department of Cultural Affairs;

- P. President of IEMDA;
 - Q. Representative of Iowa League of Municipalities;
 - R. Representative of ISAC;
- III. I do hereby declare that other state agencies will participate on the Hazard Mitigation Team on an as needed basis, as requested by the chair; and
- IV. I do hereby authorize the head of each agency to delegate the participation on the Hazard Mitigation Team assigned to him/her; and
- V. I do hereby authorize the Hazard Mitigation Team to request participation by local governments, federal government, and private industry, as needed; and
- VI. I do hereby decree the following as specific responsibilities of the Hazard Mitigation Team:
- A. Determine the capabilities of each state agency to address various hazards, including what legal authority each agency has and what programs and funding sources are available to address mitigation activities;
 - B. Provide assistance to the Emergency Management Division to develop, implement, and update the State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan;
 - C. Coordinate activities of state agencies to reduce the impact of hazard potentials within the state;
 - D. Recommend methods to improve mitigation, activities of state agencies, local governments, federal government, and private industry;
 - E. Develop the means to communicate each state agency's capability to address hazards, to persons, agencies, or governments who might utilize that information; and

FINALLY;

I do hereby also decree that the Hazard Mitigation Team can assume additional responsibilities in the area of Hazard Mitigation not specified heretofore.

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 23rd day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.



Elaine Baxter
SECRETARY OF STATE

Henry E. Branstad
GOVERNOR