WHEREAS Oklahoma has a growing senior citizen population approaching one-half million persons; and

WHEREAS senior citizens comprise a valuable human resource for the state; and

WHEREAS senior citizens have special needs for income security, health care, employment, housing, transportation, and protection from crime, abuse and exploitation; and

WHEREAS there is need for careful and continuing study of issues, problems and opportunities confronting senior citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority conferred upon the Office of the Governor by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Oklahoma, I hereby order and direct that the Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging hereby is created and established.

The Advisory Committee shall consist of up to forty members appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. The Governor shall appoint a Chairman from the membership of the Committee.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging shall advise the Governor on issues of concern to older Oklahomans; specifically it shall:

1) examine the adequacy of benefits and services currently available to older Oklahomans, identify unmet needs and recommend the priority to be given to each need identified;

2) identify and study legal issues and recommend legislative changes of benefit to senior citizens;

3) collect, review and disseminate information about the needs of senior citizens and about state policies, programs, benefits, services and budgetary problems of concern to senior citizens.

The Advisory Committee shall complete its work on or before December 31, 1989.

All previous executive orders or other documents creating a Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging or similar body are hereby rescinded.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the 15th day of February 1988.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Henry Bellmore

ATTEST:

Hannah D. Atkins
Secretary of State