WHEREAS, the aging population is increasing, and is representing a larger segment of the population each year, and there is growing recognition of problems peculiar to the aging portion of our population; and

WHEREAS, the federal government continues to indicate interest in the aging and their problems; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 89-73 created an Administration on Aging within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and provided for the allocation of funds to the States to assist in rendering services to the aging population, and further, amendments provide for the submission and approval of plans by the states for the purposes of said Public Law 89-73, which plans must designate a single State agency as the sole agency for administering or supervising administration of the plan; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Okla. Const. Art. XXV and 56 Okla. Stat. §162.1 (1981), the Department of Human Services and Oklahoma Human Services Commission have the responsibility to administer financial and other assistance to the aging population within the State of Oklahoma; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Bellmon, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, do hereby authorize and designate the Oklahoma Human Services Commission, acting through the Department of Human Services, and its Aging Services Division, to be the sole agency of the State of Oklahoma to administer or supervise the administration of the State Plan for Aging and to be the sole agency of the State primarily responsible for coordination of State programs and activities related to the purposes of said Public Law 89-73, as amended and other related laws, and to act for the State of Oklahoma under the provision of said Public Law 89-73 and to receive and administer funds made available to the
State of Oklahoma by the said Administration on Aging and other entities, for the purpose of providing services to the aging in the State of Oklahoma.

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, this 26th day of July, 1988.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

[Signature]

H. David Boren
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Sherrill Dr. Atwood
Secretary of State