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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2008
TO: All Agencies, Boards and Commissions
FROM: Dave Heineman, Governor
SUBJECT: Spending Restraint

There have been many economic reports recently which indicate a stagnant or contracting national economy. The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board took account of the effects in Nebraska of this latest economic information and lowered its forecast of net General Fund tax receipts by \$126 million for fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09. It is very likely that projections for the 2009-2011 biennium will also be reduced.

Today I issued a directive to code agency directors to scrutinize all spending decisions to promote the greatest restraint and economy possible while delivering services to citizens across Nebraska. That memorandum is attached. I am requesting that all other agency directors and the members of their boards and commissions immediately undertake similar actions to further restrain and reduce spending.

While you operate with varying degrees of independence under our constitution or laws, I am sure you recognize the implications of our current economic challenges to the financing of services provided by your agency or through grants in aid by your agency to political subdivisions or other organizations. Please join me by issuing your own directive within your organization that recognizes the current economic challenge we confront and the importance that all agencies, boards, and commissions be part of actions undertaken within State government to exercise further spending restraint.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.