

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13**  
**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR**  
**HEALTHY CAROLINIANS**

WHEREAS, North Carolina is blessed with some of the finest medical facilities and medical care found anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, despite these resources, more than forty North Carolinians die prematurely each day, exacting an enormous economic, social and personal toll upon our society; and

WHEREAS, most of these deaths are preventable by relatively simple changes in individual lifestyle behavior; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide to the citizens of our state a way to prevent this tragic loss of death and disability, a realistic plan needs to be developed that communities and individual citizens may use to improve their health status and avoid premature deaths; and

WHEREAS, this plan must promote the advantages of health promotion and disease prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

Section 1. Establishment and Rescission of Prior Orders

The Governor's Task Force for Healthy Carolinians (Governor's Task Force) is hereby established. The Governor's Task Force established herein is the successor organization to the Governor's Task Force on Health Objectives for the Year 2000, established in Executive Order No. 56 issued by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on July 13, 1994.

Section 2. Membership

The Governor's Task Force shall have 37 members. The Governor shall appoint 33 members, including the Chair. The Vice Chair shall be elected by the Governor's Task Force. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be invited to appoint two Members of the Senate, one of whom serves on the Public Health Study Commission. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be invited to appoint two members of the House, one of whom serves on the Public Health Study Commission. Each member of the Task Force shall be appointed for terms of four years, and will serve until appointment of a successor. A vacancy on the Governor's Task Force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

The Governor shall appoint representatives from the following:

- a. Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, or designee;
- b. Association of North Carolina Boards of Health;
- c. North Carolina Hospital Association;
- d. North Carolina Medical Society;
- e. North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians;
- f. North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors;
- g. Dean, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina-CH, or designee;
- h. North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry;
- i. North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs;
- j. North Carolina Association of County Commissioners;
- k. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;
- l. Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services Division, DHHS;
- m. State Health Director, Division Of Public Health, DHHS;
- n. Director, Office of Research, Demonstrations and Rural Health Development, DHHS or designee;
- o. North Carolina Dental Society;
- p. North Carolina Nurses' Association
- q. Old North State Medical Society;

- r. North Carolina Public Health Association;
- s. Commissioner, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or designee;
- t. Office of Minority Health, DHHS;
- u. Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;
- v. Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health;
- w. Eleven at-large members, including a representative of local education, religious organization, older adults and non-profit organizations.

Section 3. Functions

- a. The Governor's Task Force shall meet regularly at the call of the Chair.
- b. The Governor's Task Force will advise the State Health Director and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on policies, programs and resources needed to improve the public's health in North Carolina.
  - c. The Governor's Task Force shall have the responsibility to periodically review the state health objectives, make amendments as necessary, and report progress toward achieving the objectives to the Governor, Secretary of DHHS, and the State Health Director.
  - d. The Governor's Task Force shall have the power to designate local Healthy Carolinians Task Forces, comprised of representatives of public and private organizations, and community members and leaders, which support the goals of the Governor's Task Force.
  - e. The Governor's Task Force shall provide encouragement and guidance to communities establishing their own local groups to accomplish the objectives developed by the Governor's Task Force.
  - f. The Governor's Task Force shall review the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant annually and carry out the necessary functions of the advisory committee as required by federal law.

Section 4. Administration

- a. Administrative support for the Governor's Task Force shall be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

b. It shall be the responsibility of each Cabinet department to make every reasonable effort to cooperate with the Governor's Task Force in carrying out the provisions of this Order.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

Done in the Capital City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

**ATTEST**

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Elaine F. Marshall  
Secretary of State