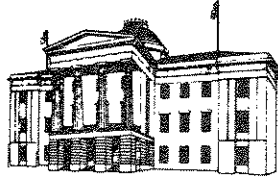


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89 REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52 CONCERNING FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE

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.

The North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force (formerly known as the "North Carolina Food Safety and Security Task Force") is hereby established.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of the Task Force is to coordinate interagency and public-private efforts to enhance protection of the State's food supply system and its agricultural industry.

Section 3. Membership.

The Task Force shall consist of the following members, or their designees:

- (1) the Commissioner of Agriculture,
- (2) the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources,
- (3) the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
- (4) the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety,
- (5) the Chancellor of North Carolina State University,
- (6) the Chancellor of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and
- (7) representatives of other government agencies, private industry, and other public members invited to participate by the Task Force. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force.

Section 4. Duties.

The North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force shall:

- (1) Partnering with state and federal agencies to conduct focused studies of the vulnerability of the State's food system to criminal and terrorist acts and make recommendations for
 - a. improving safety and security of the food supply system,
 - b. reducing terrorism threat measures,
 - c. improving food safety and defense mitigation and response plans, and
 - d. training for key stakeholders in the State's food supply system.

- (2) Recommending legislation needed to improve the ability of State departments and agencies to protect the safety and defense of the State's food supply and the agricultural industry base, including legislation to protect sensitive and proprietary information of the State's food supply system, safety and defense vulnerability information, and defense plans, that, if compromised, would heighten the exposure of the State's food supply system to criminal or terrorist acts.
- (3) Recommending budget, staffing, and resource adjustments necessary to improve the capability of State departments and agencies to protect the safety and defense of the State's food supply system and agricultural industrial base.

Section 5. Reporting.

The Food Safety and Defense Task Force shall prepare an annual report no later than the 15th of December each year. This report shall include any recommendations, including proposed legislation, for changes in laws, rules, and programs that the Task Force determines to be appropriate to enhance food safety and defense in the State.

Section 6. Funding.

The Office of State Budget and Management shall assist the Task Force in its efforts to obtain State and Federal funding necessary to carry out its duties.

Section 7. Other Executive Orders

All other executive orders or portions of executive orders inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded. This order specifically replaces Executive Order No. 52 dated September 12, 2003.

The executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

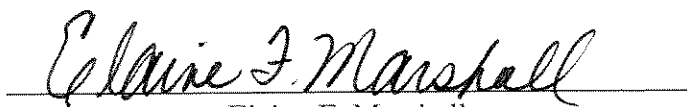
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh, this the 12th day of September 2005.





Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State