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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1

Executive Order No. 76, issued on April 6, 1970, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Louisiana Interdepartmental Health Policy Commission.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has declared that, "... fulfillment of our national purpose depends upon promoting and assuring the highest level of health attainable for every person, in an environment which contributes positively to healthful individuals and family living; ..." Attainment of this goal depends on

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*(Ed: Amends Executive Order No. 76, dated April 6, 1970.)*

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an effective partnership, involving close intergovernmental cooperation, official and voluntary efforts, and active participation of individuals and organizations. Government, as well as each citizen, individually, must support the marshalling of all health resources—national, state and local—to assure comprehensive health services of high quality for every person; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out these purposes, comprehensive planning for the availability, delivery and utilization of total health services is essential at every level of government and must be the constant concern of all consumers and providers of such services; and

WHEREAS, desirable administration requires strengthening the leadership and capacity of state health agencies and the support of health services provided people in their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to promote and assist in the extension and improvement of comprehensive planning in public health services, to provide for a more effective and efficient use of available federal, state and voluntary funds for such planning and services, and for other purposes relating to the general health of the citizens of Louisiana, I, Edwin W. Edwards, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby establish the Louisiana Interdepartmental Health Policy Commission, which Commission will be responsible to and advise the Chief Executive on total health planning for the State of Louisiana. In addition, it is hereby designated as the sole agency for administering or supervising the administration of the State's health planning functions.

Designated as ex-officio members of the Interdepartmental Health Policy Commission are the following:

The President of the State Board of Health, the Commissioner of the Division of Administration, the Director of the State Department of Hospitals, the Commissioner of the State Department of Public Welfare, the Chairman of the Louisiana State Health Planning Advisory Council, and the Governor or his official representative. The President of the State Board of Health will serve as permanent Chairman of the Commission. Other designated officers are: Vice Chairman—the Director of the State Department of Hospitals—and Secretary—the Commissioner of the Division of Administration.

The Interdepartmental Health Policy Commission will coordinate and supervise the administration of Public Law 89-749 and all other planning and policy matters pertaining to health in the State of Louisiana. The Commission will advise the Chief Executive of the State of Louisiana in the creation of a State Health Planning Council and in the designation of its members. The Commission will make recommendations to the Governor and State Legislature on changes and innovations required and desired in health legislation. The Commission is hereby authorized to receive and expend funds, to employ a qualified planning staff, other employees and consultants to assist it and the State Health Planning Council. The Governor shall hereafter employ a full time executive director.

The total health resources of the State should be directed through the Interdepartmental Health Policy Commission in an effort to increase the level of health care of all the citizens of Louisiana.

The official representative for the Governor in all matters pertaining, directly or indirectly, to health care and the delivery of health services to the citizens of Louisiana will be the Governor's Special Assistant on Health, whose appointment is authorized by this order. The Special Assistant will represent the Governor in negotiations with the Federal Government, function as liaison representative between the Chief Executive and state agencies, boards, private agencies, committees and others interested or responsible for providing health care or health services in Louisiana. He is hereby authorized to obtain plans and data from all agencies charged with health responsibilities and relate these into a total health planning effort.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 15th day of May, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2

Effective immediately, all state-owned aircraft, the state-owned buildings in which they are housed, and the equipment with which they are maintained are hereby

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*(Ed: Superseded by Executive Order No. 14.)*

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transferred to and placed under the care and custody of the Aviation Division of the Louisiana Department of Public Works, and said Department shall be responsible for their maintenance and upkeep.

All state employees presently employed in the flight and aircraft maintenance sections of such Departments are hereby transferred to and made employees of the Department of Public Works and all monies allocated by any department for the personnel, maintenance and upkeep of said aircraft are hereby transferred to the Department of Public Works.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to have affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 29th day of May, A.D., 1972.

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EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3

WHEREAS, there is a definite need for a developmental program for the American Indian citizens of this State as well as a program of assistance in preserving the rich cultural heritage of these people; and

WHEREAS, there exist many programs and projects for socio-economic aid available to these citizens, with proper coordination and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, there is no agency of this State to which the individuals or tribes of these people can turn for help and guidance in taking advantage of these programs or securing these funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby direct the formation of the Governor's Commission on Indian Affairs of this State, to be composed of a Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Legal Advisors, to be appointed by the Governor, and members of the commission, to be

appointed by the Commissioner subject to the approval of the Governor; and that this Commission is to be charged with the responsibility of coordinating and spearheading all programs and projects necessary to assist the people of this unique ethnic group residing in this State in achieving a complete sociological and economical advancement and unity as a valuable part of this States's heritage and its future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 30th day of May, A.D., 1972.

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EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4

WHEREAS, State Government deals with the public's business and is therefore dependent upon an enlightened electorate, and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that the public and the media enjoy a free flow of information from State Government, and,

WHEREAS, the public's right to know should hold sway on matters of public interest, and,

WHEREAS, the First Amendment's guarantee of a free press must be taken as a command of the broadest scope, and,

WHEREAS, those of us in public life, regardless of how distasteful we find a critical press, must realize that when freedom of the press is endangered, all other freedoms are diminished, and,

WHEREAS, an open administration is vital to restoring confidence in State Government,

NOW, THEREFORE, I direct that it shall be the policy of this administration to be open and above board in its dealings with the public and the public media, consistent with the libel laws of Louisiana and the United States, and consistent with statutes protecting the privacy of individual citizens and taxpayers. FURTHERMORE, State Boards and Commissions responsible to the Executive Department are hereby directed to comply, not only with the letter of open meeting laws,

but also with the spirit of such laws, so that the public can have the assurance of free access to the public's business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 19th day of June, A.D., 1972.

**EDWIN EDWARDS**  
Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has established by law the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission whose purpose it shall be to plan,

*(Ed: Superseded by Executive Order No. 21.)*

encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of this country on July 4, 1976; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States on July 3, 1971, did officially declare that the five years until the 200th anniversary date shall be the Bicentennial Era; and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial Era will help to emphasize the continuing effort to achieve the fulfillment of the ideals and ideas of the American Revolution as stated in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the individual states of this Union to actively participate in the bicentennial celebration—both individually and in concert with the National Commission so that the continuing series of events, exhibits, etc. can be properly planned and coordinated in a fitting five-year prelude to and climax of America's observance of her 200th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor is hereby designated as the Louisiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to plan and develop Louisiana's participation in the commemoration of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor may appoint an executive director for the bicentennial celebration and may employ administrative, technical and other personnel, and may contract for technical or special services; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor may accept donations or grants of money, property or personal services for the bicentennial commemoration; and

WHEREAS, an Advisory Commission may be appointed by the Office of the Governor, which shall work with the Governor's Office in planning the Bicentennial and in encouraging citizen participation. The Advisory Commission shall serve without compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin W. Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of this state, do hereby create and establish the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission, whose duty it shall be to develop, create and execute plans, programs and events in connection with this 200th observance, and whose further duty it shall be to coordinate such activities with similar national, regional and state Commissions with the goal in view that the rich heritage of America shall not be a distant memory of the past, but a living, vibrant spirit and hope for today and tomorrow, not only for Americans but for all mankind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge on this the 17th day of July, A.D., 1972.

**EDWIN EDWARDS**  
Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6

WHEREAS, the number of drivers and of vehicles in use on the highways of the State of Louisiana continues rapidly to increase, and;

WHEREAS, there continues to be each year tragic loss in life and damage to persons and property from traffic accidents, and;

WHEREAS, it has been reliably established that the use of seat belts contributes to personal safety by reducing injuries caused by the striking of "hostil surfaces" in the car interior, by holding the occupants

inside the car, by avoiding injury from eviction, by keeping occupants in place and preventing their colliding with each other, and by keeping the driver firmly in place and in control of the car, and;

WHEREAS, accident investigation reports, special studies, and reliable estimates indicate that four out of every five motorists on the streets and highways are not using safety belts, and;

WHEREAS, there exists the probability that within the next ten seconds—and every sixteen seconds thereafter—somebody will be injured in a motor vehicle accident and every ten minutes someone will be killed, and;

WHEREAS, most passenger vehicles in operation are equipped with safety belts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby (1) direct all state employees who, in the line of duty, drive or ride in state-owned vehicles equipped with safety belts to make sure they are securely buckled and in use, and (2) urge all citizens to join in this campaign to save lives by habitually fastening and using safety belts on every automobile trip, even if it is to the corner grocery store.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 21st day of July, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7**

WHEREAS, there has been an increasing demand for the coordination of efforts in the area of economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, at the present time there is no one agency specifically responsible for the development of economic enhancement and closing of the economic gap experienced by a large segment of Louisiana citizens, but, on the contrary, many agencies are engaged in overlapping and uncoordinated efforts in this area; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the people of the State of Louisiana to become a member of the Ozarks Regional Commission which is presently composed of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri

and Oklahoma, and which is charged to develop on a continuing basis comprehensive and coordinated plans and programs and to establish priorities thereunder, giving due consideration to other federal, state and local planning; and

WHEREAS, the development of economic strategies, the determination of the economic policies and the evaluation of potential economic programs required to enhance per capita income generation is of great importance to the future of our State,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable statutes of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby establish as part of the Office of the Governor the formation of the Ozarks Regional Commission. The Commission will consist of a Director and an Assistant Director to serve at my pleasure and any other personnel necessary to carry out the performance of the duties directed to this Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 19th day of July, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8**

Acting pursuant to the authority of Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, vested in me as Governor, I do hereby issue the following proclamation and Executive Order:

*(Ed. Superseded by Executive Order No. 30.)*

WHEREAS, the incidence of major crime has increased to such proportions that every possible effort must be made to strengthen and make more effective our various law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, improvements can also be made in the administration of criminal justice and the treatment of persons convicted of legal violations, with the objective of complete rehabilitation of such individuals; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishment of these goals can best be accomplished by the creation of a commission for the purpose of assessing the problems in the fields of law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create a commission designated as the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice as the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency's supervisory commission, and, to establish its staff as the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency.

The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice shall have the following functions:

1. To bring together those persons most familiar with problems of law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice, including the disposition and treatment of persons convicted of crime, for the purpose of studying and encouraging the adoption of methods by which law enforcement can be made more effective and justice administered more efficiently and fairly to the end that citizens may be more fully protected.
2. To stimulate, promote and organize citizen participation in the improvements and extension of law enforcement, corrections, rehabilitation and the work of the courts.
3. To recommend improvements which need to be made in the recruitment and training of law enforcement officers and other law enforcement personnel.
4. To recommend methods by which cooperation may be furthered between Federal, State and Local law enforcement officials.
5. To assist in planning coordinated programs throughout the State in areas of the police, the courts and corrections.
6. To encourage public understanding of the responsibilities and problems of law officers and law enforcement agencies and the development of greater public support for their efforts.
7. To aid in publicizing and promoting those practices in the treatment of criminal offenders which will do most to prevent a return to criminal activity.
8. To carry out objectives of Public Law 90-351, as amended, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act and other federal programs.
9. To approve proposals of State and Local agencies for programs to be financed with the aid of

funds from the State, Local and Federal government funds.

The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice shall consist of such professional and lay persons appointed by the Governor as may have a vital concern with law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice.

The Governor shall appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the membership of the Commission.

The Governor shall appoint the Executive Director of the Commission who shall administer the Commission and State Law Enforcement Planning Agency and employ such staff as necessary.

Such committees and sub-committees of the Commission, special or standing, may be appointed by the Chairman as necessary to meet the responsibilities of the Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the 24th day of July, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is committed to promoting the arts; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that state governments coordinate its efforts with that of the national government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby direct that the Louisiana Council for Music and Performing Arts, Inc., 611 Gravier Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, is hereby designated as the official Louisiana agency to represent Louisiana to the National Endowment on the Arts and Humanities, created by the Congress on September 29, 1965, Public Law 89-209, 89th Congress, S 1483. I further direct that Mrs. Edwin H. Blum of New Orleans is hereby designated as the Governor's Executive Liaison with the Louisiana Council for Music and Performing Arts, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-