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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-

unto 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 1st day of August, A.D., 1972.

**EDWIN EDWARDS**  
Governor of Louisiana

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11**

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and the governing authorities of the parishes within the Southeast Louisiana Area, including the Metropolitan New Orleans Area, desire to use available Federal funds with local matching funds to carry out a planning and action program designed to meet urgent transportation needs within the Metropolitan New Orleans Area and elsewhere in the Southeast Louisiana Area, including construction of a new bridge across the Mississippi River and other transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of State Planning has been vested by Act 288 of the 1968 Legislature with the authority to coordinate interjurisdictional planning, and

WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan which considers land use, socio-economic and environmental planning for the Southeast Louisiana Area is a project requiring interjurisdictional coordination, and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Planning has completed the first phase of a multidisciplinary comprehensive transportation planning effort directed toward the resolution of the Mississippi River crossing problem of the Metropolitan New Orleans Area, and

WHEREAS, Phase One of the planning effort recommended, through an open participatory planning process involving citizens, technicians, professionals, and government leaders, a transportation river crossing between Poydras and Felicite Streets, and

WHEREAS, subsequent planning phases leading to implementation and construction of a transportation

facility will require the coordination of numerous Federal, State, regional and local authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Office of State Planning is hereby directed to establish the necessary apparatus and process in order that planning and implementation activities can proceed in an orderly and effective manner.

FURTHERMORE, the agencies taking part in this program shall consist of the following: the Office of State Planning; the Capital Region Planning Commission; the Baton Rouge Planning Commission; South Central Regional Planning District; Jefferson Parish Planning Commission; the New Orleans City Planning Commission; the Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard and St. Tammany Parishes; the Louisiana Department of Highways; and the Mississippi River Bridge Authority. In addition, other agencies may hereafter be made a part of this project if so recommended by the Office of State Planning.

FURTHERMORE, the Office of State Planning is authorized and directed to apply for and receive Federal funds for this program and may also distribute these funds among those agencies and contracting consultants participating in the planning program. Local matching funds shall be provided by in-kind service, from the State appropriation to, or from, the resources of each participating agency.

FURTHERMORE, all planning agencies heretofore cited, and their respective contracting consultants, shall jointly establish and fund a project headquarters in the Metropolitan New Orleans Area which will permit facile access to residential neighborhoods and businesses expected to be impacted by the development of a facility within the selected corridor.

FURTHERMORE, a Citizen Advisory Committee is hereby established with the responsibility for advising the Governor and his Office of State Planning with regard to development and implementation of the comprehensive multi-modal planning and action program authorized herein.

FURTHERMORE, an Interagency Planning and Implementation Coordination Committee shall be established consisting of the Directors of the above cited participating agencies; the Executive Director of the Office of State Planning shall serve as Chairman of this Committee. The mission of the Committee shall be to delineate the scope and responsibilities of the program planning and implementation activities; to coordinate the efforts, skills, and resources of the respective agencies participating in the program; and to provide an

integrative mechanism whereby program activities, plans, and designs can be properly coordinated, evaluated, and directed prior to their implementation. Moreover, this Committee shall be responsible for directing their efforts toward the realization of a cross-river transportation facility within the framework of multi-disciplined comprehensive planning methodologies, a balanced transportation system, and with minimum impact on socio-economic and environmental factors.

FURTHERMORE, the Interagency Planning and Implementation Committee shall recommend to the Governor policy and planning programs for the development of the Southeast Louisiana Area.

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 August, 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12

WHEREAS, in today's shrinking world bilingualism plays an ever increasingly demanding and necessary role in creating better understanding among men of different countries and culture. A serious obstacle standing in the way to direct contact with "the man in the street" level between peoples is the language barrier. Consequently, the rights of every man to keep and use his native tongue encourages him to seek a second language which will enable him to communicate with his fellow man the world over.

WHEREAS, among the States of the Union, Louisiana enjoys an exceptional advantage due to the continued and extensive use of the French language which is a privileged means of communication among hundreds of thousands of its people.

WHEREAS, French in Louisiana is one of our great natural assets. The renaissance of the French language activated by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), a State Agency, supported and recognized by the French speaking world, motivates me to create by Executive Order, a Committee to be known as the International Municipal and Bilingualism Committee. This Committee is directed to develop and promote bilingualism by exchange of students, the twinning of towns, the development of international

goodwill, and engaging in all activities likely to promote and facilitate a better understanding between the peoples of the world for their mutual advantage and cultural benefit.

WHEREAS, the membership of this International Municipal and Bilingualism Committee shall be composed of the duly elected mayors of the municipalities of the State, and the Presidents of the Parish Police Juries, and I hereby appoint them as members of this Committee.

WHEREAS, I appoint the mayors of those cities having a population of over 50,000 people, the President of the Louisiana Municipal Association and the President of the State Police Jury Association to serve as the Executive Board of this Committee. This appointment shall be for a period of one year.

WHEREAS, thereafter, the Executive Board shall be elected by the membership of this Committee, one from each Congressional district of the State, the President of the Municipal Association and the President of the State Police Jury Association; which shall constitute the Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, I appoint Honorable Kenneth Bowen, Mayor of the City of Lafayette, Acting Chairman of this Committee.

WHEREAS, The International Municipal and Bilingualism Committee is to work with the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL), or any other State or private agency, or organization, or person or persons, in the fulfillment of its objectives; likewise, to enter into arrangements with United Towns Organization (UTO) of France, and other similar Organizations in the French-speaking World, to coordinate the program abroad.

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 7th day of September, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13

WHEREAS, the Government of the State of Louisiana exists to serve all of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, all of the citizens of Louisiana are guaranteed equal representation in their Government by the Constitution of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there has been and still exists a disparity in the availability and quality of educational and other services of the Government, among certain disadvantaged segments of the population; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that it is the responsibility of the Government of the State to bring all segments of the population to full participation in the processes of Government and to a full share in the services of Government; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that it is in the interest of efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of Government that all citizens be allowed to make the greatest contribution of which they are capable to their Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, each agency and department of the State Government is hereby directed to draw up and implement an acceptable plan of affirmative action to achieve Equal Employment Opportunity in the State Government for all citizens of Louisiana, without regard to race, religion, national origin, sex or physical condition, except where sex or physical condition constitute a bona fide occupational requirement. Each agency plan shall cover recruitment, selection, appointment, promotion and other personnel procedures, agency functions in relation to job structuring, and training plans to insure opportunities to improve skills needed at current job levels and to develop potential for promotion.

FURTHERMORE, the Department of Civil Service shall coordinate the Equal Employment Opportunity program for the State Government and each agency shall furnish to that Department for approval in accordance with standards provided to the agencies, a copy of the agency's plan of affirmative action, as well as such reports as shall be required. The Department of Civil Service shall issue to the agencies such regulations, standards and other guidance as may be necessary concerning the composition and implementation of the Equal Employment Opportunity plans of affirmative action.

FURTHERMORE, the Department of Civil Service shall monitor the Equal Employment Opportunity program of each State agency and submit a report thereon to the Governor by December 31 of each year.

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 25th day of September, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana require that their government consolidate and streamline the opera-

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tions of state government in order that more effective service can be rendered at less cost to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, aircraft belonging to the state presently are housed in various locations and are under the control of specific agencies who require their occasional use; and

WHEREAS, the fact that no single state agency requires the continuous use of aircraft results in underutilization of expensive equipment; and

WHEREAS, many agencies who do not now have assigned aircraft could make effective occasional use of aircraft, if available; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of individual aircraft by contract services is expensive; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance branch of the Aviation Division of the Department of Public Works, if properly equipped, can perform both major and routine maintenance on a scheduled, personalized basis at lower cost than now performed on many state aircraft under the control of individual agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that all state aircraft used for passenger purposes be under central control, that all aircraft receive their maintenance at the state maintenance shop, and that all pilots of these aircraft shall have met rigid standards to assure their proficiency to all passengers.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to provide for the greater availability of aircraft for public use by all state officials and their designated personnel, who require such transportation in the exercise of their duties, and in

order to promote greater efficiency and lower operating cost, I, Edwin W. Edwards, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Louisiana and pursuant to the Constitution and applicable statutes of the State of Louisiana, order effective immediately, as follows:

1. Existing Executive Order No. Two, relative to the consolidation of state aircraft, is rescinded.
2. All twin-engine, IFR-equipped passenger aircraft are transferred to the care and custody of the aviation division of the Louisiana Department of Public Works.

A. Aircraft so designated shall be made available to all department heads for the purpose of providing air transportation for themselves and their department personnel and all department heads shall utilize the service whenever possible for air transportation. The director of the aviation division of the Louisiana Department of Public Works, or his designated representative, shall be responsible for scheduling aircraft to meet these needs. All chartering of private aircraft by all agencies shall be done through the flight operations branch of the aviation division if and only when like service cannot be provided by state-owned aircraft.

B. Department heads shall be directly responsible for flights scheduled from their organizations. The aviation division shall provide each agency with flight forms to be executed by the department head or his designated representative to insure proper flight authorizations.

Other aircraft presently owned by any agency of the state and determined to be a "special purpose" aircraft shall be operated by the department by which owned and shall be controlled by the head of each such department, subject to the following conditions:

1) The determination of "special purpose" is to be reached jointly between the department head of the agency operating the aircraft and the director of the aviation division, State Department of Public Works.

2) The department head shall designate a "chief pilot" in his department and the chief pilot will be directly responsible to the director of the aviation division or his designated representative for

- a) Pilot proficiency of all personnel operating the state owned aircraft;
- b) All records of aircraft use and cost of operation, for each individual piece of

equipment required by the director of the aviation division.

- C. All maintenance on state-owned aircraft shall be performed by the aircraft maintenance branch of the aviation division of the public works department. The maintenance branch shall make all determinations as to the need for contract maintenance, based on their capability and existing work load.
- D. All purchases of aircraft or aviation-related parts or equipment shall be made by the aviation division. State agencies will continue to identify the need for equipment replacement and will continue to budget for that equipment. Actual purchase will be made only with the concurrence of the aviation division.
- E. All present buildings and/or equipment heretofore used to support a function to be assumed hereafter by the aviation division of the Department of Public Works are transferred immediately to the aviation division. State employees presently employed in the flight and aircraft maintenance sections of any department are hereby transferred according to the attached plan. Future personnel additions of pilots and mechanics shall be made only with the concurrence of the director of the aviation division.
- F. All monies allocated by any department for the insurance, personnel, maintenance and upkeep of existing aircraft, together with all monies budgeted for the specific purchase of aircraft equipment replacement for the fiscal year 1972-1973 are to be so identified by the Division of Administration and are hereby transferred to the Department of Public Works. Monies budgeted for the operation of aircraft which will remain under the care and custody of individual state agencies shall be returned to that agency by 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 3rd day of October A.D., 1972.

**EDWIN EDWARDS**

**Governor of Louisiana**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15**

WHEREAS, one of the paramount problems affect-

ing the trucking industry in Louisiana and the economic relationship between the carriers and the economy of the State is that the truck operators are presently operating under laws that are antiquated and outdated; and

WHEREAS, on the Federal level we are operating on standards set 21 years ago; and

WHEREAS, on the State level we are operating under highway regulatory laws that have not been changed since 1950; and

WHEREAS, the for-hire carriers are operating under laws that were originally enacted in 1938 with very few amendments since that time; and

WHEREAS, the changes in the economic and industrial picture of the State make it essential that an intense study be made and that necessary legislative changes be made to up-date our laws; and

WHEREAS, in order to keep a healthy economic state in Louisiana it is necessary that transportation by motor vehicles be available at all times and that this transportation so furnished should be furnished at a rate which would be fair both to the carrier and fair to the shipper; and

WHEREAS, the economy of this State and of the Nation is so interwoven with truck transportation that any unnecessary restriction on the profitable movement of trucks has a vital effect on the general economy and that recognition of this fact is an absolute necessity and one of which the administrators of the affairs of the State and the leaders of the industry of the State should be made well aware;

NOW, THEREFORE, there is hereby established and created by this Executive Order an Ad Hoc Transportation Trucking Committee to study the needs of the trucking industry in the State of Louisiana, said Committee to be composed of ten members, two to be appointed from the Department of Highways by the Director thereof, two to be appointed from the Department of Revenue by the Collector of Revenue thereof, two to be appointed from the Department of Public Safety by the Superintendent thereof, and four members to be appointed from the trucking industry by the Louisiana Motor Transport Association.

FURTHERMORE, that said Committee shall study, investigate and hold hearings on the subject of the current trucking and transportation industry in Louisiana and the problems related thereto all with a view to recommending to the legislature, if necessary, legislation

which would up-grade and make more effective the trucking and transportation regulations now in force.

FURTHERMORE, that the Committee shall have the authority to hold hearings and do all other things necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

FURTHERMORE, that upon completion of its investigation and hearings and no later than the next session of the Legislature, the Committee shall prepare and submit to the Governor its report, findings and recommendations, including recommendations of any legislation deemed appropriate by the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Committee created herein shall not receive any per diem and travel allowance in the performance of their duties as members of this Committee.

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 11th day of October, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS

Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16

WHEREAS, Louisiana is a state rich in archeological resources, which, if properly excavated, catalogued and preserved, can add immeasurably to the knowledge of our history and our heritage; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of our antiquities is of value and interest not only to the citizens of Louisiana but to persons from other states who visit Louisiana as well; and

WHEREAS, many historic sites and archeological treasures are either unsurveyed and undiscovered, due to lack of a coordinated and adequate program, and in fact, are in danger of being lost to posterity by reason of unscientific exploitation, construction, flooding, and by other means;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin W. Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby designate Dr. William G. Haag to be the official State Archeologist who will be responsible for advising and assisting all state agencies in their programs which may have an impact on the archeological resources of the state; and, further, to

advise and assist all state agencies in environmental impact studies as they may be required.

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 13th day of November, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17

WHEREAS, at the General Election held throughout Louisiana on November 7, 1972, the electorate adopted an amendment to Article 10 of the Constitution designated as Section 10B; and

WHEREAS, by adopting such amendment there is now established and created in the State Treasury the Revenue Sharing Fund consisting of (a) the sum of \$80,000,000.00 annually transferred from the General Fund and (b) such additional funds, if any, which may be allocated by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the legislature is constitutionally charged with the duty and responsibility of distributing the monies in such Fund to those local governing bodies, municipalities, police juries, boards, commissions, districts and other agencies designated by it; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, other amendments to the Constitution of Louisiana and many statutes of the State of Louisiana relate to and bear upon the concept of Revenue Sharing and local distribution of State collected revenues; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and necessary that prompt and immediate steps be taken in order to analyze, study and evaluate the Constitution and laws of Louisiana insofar as they relate in any manner to the collection or receipt of any revenues by the State of Louisiana which then are distributed, in part, to recipient local governing bodies (including municipalities and police juries), districts, boards, commissions and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, a constitutionally permissible formula and legislative plan of distribution should be devised and implemented by appropriate legislation to be enacted at the forthcoming fiscal session in 1973.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin Edwards, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby constitute and create the Governor's Commission on Revenue Sharing to be composed of such persons as may be hereinafter designated and appointed by me. This Commission is charged with the responsibility of analyzing and considering existing provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of Louisiana and devising and recommending to the Governor and to the Legislature, on or before April 1, 1973, a legislative program which will implement the mandate and permission set forth in Article 10, Section 10B, of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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 10th day of January, 1973.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission was created as a division of the office of the Governor by Act 275 of 1968; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Commission was fixed by said Act at twenty - one members to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure; and

WHEREAS, there are certain departments and officials the functions, activities and legal responsibilities of which involve or affect highway safety and whose experience, expertise and guidance are invaluable to the statewide program;

THEREFORE, the membership of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission is increased to include six ex officio members—the Adjutant General of Louisiana, the Director of Public Safety, the Superintendent of State Police, the Director of Highways, the Chairman of the Board of Highways and the Judicial Administrator of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

IN TESTIMONY 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 6th day of  
December, A.D., 1972.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19**

*(Ed: Not Issued.)*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20**

WHEREAS, the Education Amendments of 1972 Act requires the establishment or designation of one state commission (Section 1202) to administer various provisions of that act for postsecondary education within a state; and

WHEREAS, that state commission should be broadly and equitably representative of the general public and of public and private institutions of post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, the state commission is charged with the responsibility of comprehensive state - wide planning including planning necessary for all post-secondary resources to be better coordinated, improved, expanded or altered so that all persons in the state who desire and can benefit from postsecondary education may have the opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana the Coordinating Council for Higher Education has been designated these responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWIN EDWARDS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, do order and direct that the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education and/or its successor agency is hereby designated as the state commission for achieving all of the functions and objectives to said commissions by the Education Amendments of 1972 Act. Be it further resolved to instruct the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education to review and make recommendations to this office to establish necessary alterations in representation to meet the requirements as set forth in the guidelines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-  
unto 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 3rd day of January, A.D., 1973.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21**

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

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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 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.

The Officers and Members of the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission, the Executive Committee along with the members at large shall be named individually from time to time after the date of this order.

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 12th day of January, A.D., 1973.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this administration to provide by all means possible for the protection and improvement of the environment for the citizens of Louisiana, and,

WHEREAS, there is a clear and evident need for a central focus and coordination of the programs and activities of state agencies with responsibilities for environmental protection and conservation,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature has created, by Act No. 460 of 1972, the Governor's Council on Environmental Quality, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said act of the Legislature, said Council is directed to advise the Governor on all matters pertaining to pollution control, management of natural resources and land use activities, to serve as a coordinating body to insure that activities of the agencies in this field are directed toward the goal of the act, to serve as a clearing house for all statements of environmental impact prepared or reviewed by state agencies in accordance with "The National Environmental Policy Act" and to function in conjunction with all state and federal agencies to develop interrelated environmental quality criteria and long range environmental quality goals,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, hereby authorize and direct all state agencies with responsibilities for environmental protection and conservation to assist and cooperate with the Governor's Council on Environmental Quality, to the fullest extent in order to accomplish the provisions and goals of said Act No. 460 of 1972.

FURTHERMORE, the Governor's Council on Environmental Quality, in accordance with the provisions, of said Act 460, shall coordinate all environmental protection programs and activities for the State of Louisiana.

FURTHERMORE, all state agencies with responsibility for environmental protection and/or conservation shall submit to the Governor's Council on Environmental Quality for review and comment all environmentally related grants, permits, priorities, impact statements, proposed regulations or guidelines, citations, environmental planning, enforcement proceedings, and variances from regulations.

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 January, A.D., 1973.

EDWIN EDWARDS  
Governor of Louisiana

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23**

WHEREAS, the Southern Growth Policies Board