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STATE OF LOUISIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 94 - 20

- WHEREAS, the epidemic of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) continues unabated in this country and in this State; and
- WHEREAS, the urgency of this situation requires a concerted response by the Executive Branch of State Government; and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Commission on HIV and AIDS created by La. R.S. 40:2018.1 will expire by action of law on September 1, 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the efforts of that Commission and its members are to be commended; and
- WHEREAS, a successor Commission existing within the Executive Branch to coordinate and supervise all HIV and AIDS activities in this State is both necessary and desirable;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: There shall be established within the Office of the Governor a commission which shall be designated the "Louisiana Governor's Commission on HIV and AIDS" which shall come into existence and shall start discharging its duties on September 1, 1994.

SECTION 2: The functions of the Louisiana Governor's Commission on HIV and AIDS shall be to:

1. Serve as an advisory body to the Governor on HIV and AIDS related matters;
2. Serve as the coordinating authority on HIV and AIDS related matters between and among State agencies, local government, and non-governmental groups;
3. Research and review all State activities, regulations, guidelines, policies, and procedures relative to prevention and treatment of HIV infection and AIDS;
4. Make recommendations no less frequently than annually to the Governor;
5. Conduct an annual public hearing on HIV and AIDS related matters;
6. Solicit, consider and disseminate public comment and peer review on Federal and State-funded programs related to HIV and AIDS; and



7. Carry out such other tasks related to HIV and AIDS as the Governor may request from time to time.

**SECTION 3:**

There shall be eighteen members of the Louisiana Governor's Commission on HIV and AIDS, appointed by the Governor as follows:

1. A chairperson who shall be a full member of the Commission with voice and vote;
2. Two persons infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), at least one of whom represents a racial, ethnic or cultural subpopulation;
3. Two representatives of community-based provider organizations providing services to persons infected with HIV, at least one of whom represents a racial, ethnic or cultural subpopulation;
4. One representative from each of the nine Ryan White Regional Consortia in Louisiana;
5. The Chancellor of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, or his or her designee;
6. The Superintendent of the Department of Education, or his or her designee;
7. The Secretary of the Department of Social Services, or his or her designee; and
8. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, who shall serve in person and not through a designee.

**SECTION 4:**

Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor in the category in which the vacancy occurs.

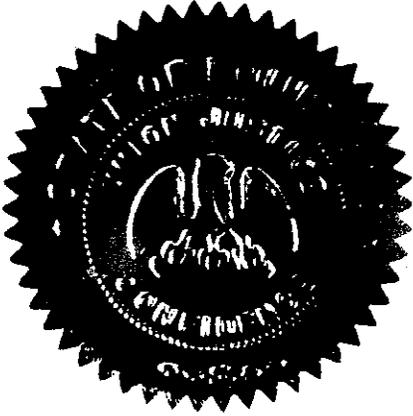
**SECTION 5:**

The Commission shall hold at least six regular meetings each year at places designated by the Chairman. At least two of these regular meetings shall be in part for the purpose of reviewing reports of the Ryan White Regional Consortia. All meetings of the Commission shall be convened in the State of Louisiana.

**SECTION 6:**

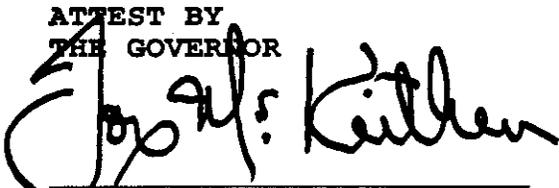
All members of the Commission shall serve without salary. They shall be compensated for travel in connection with the Commission's meetings and official Commission business as approved by the Office of the Governor and in accordance with the travel regulations of the Division of Administration.

**SECTION 7:** This order shall take effect immediately upon promulgation.



**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 13th day of June, 1994.

  
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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY**  
**THE GOVERNOR**  
  
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**SECRETARY OF STATE**