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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS, Separate state and federal task forces have ascertained that there is a distressingly wide, and in some cases, growing gap in health status between minorities and non-minorities in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Public Health Task Force on Minority Health Affairs has recommended measures that can be taken to improve the health of Blacks, Hispanics, Arab Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's ability to be economically competitive in a highly technological society depends on good health among both non-minority and minority citizens; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to give continuing attention to minority health status by the Department of Public Health and state government as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES J. BLANCHARD, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby order the following:

1. The Office of Minority Health is created within the central office of the Director of the Department of Public Health.
2. The functions of the Office shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - a. To investigate and report to the Director of Public Health, the Governor and the Legislature on conditions affecting the health and welfare of minorities.
 - b. To advise the Director of Public Health and the Governor's Human Services Cabinet on remedies for eliminating the gap between minority and majority health status.
 - c. To advocate the adoption and implementation of effective measures to improve minority health.
 - d. To provide consultation and technical assistance in planning, program development, administration, and evaluation to agencies and groups attempting to improve minority health programs.
 - e. To recommend funding for community-based organizations to conduct special research, demonstration and evaluation projects designed to develop model programs.
 - f. To increase public and intergovernmental awareness of minority health concerns, and encourage, promote, and aid in the establishment of minority health programs.
 - g. To form and coordinate a network of community health action teams to implement programs and monitor results.



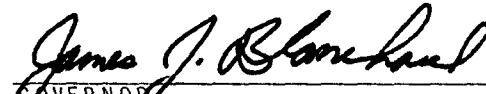
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- h. To gather and disseminate information and serve as a clearinghouse on programs available to promote minority health.
 - i. To advise the Director, the Human Services Cabinet, the Governor, and the Legislature on the effect of federal and state statutes on minority health and recommend appropriate changes.
 - j. To assist other units of the Department in improving their efforts to meet the health care needs of minorities.
 - k. To assist other units of the Department in improving the collection of accurate data on the health status of minority groups.
3. Department and agencies shall cooperate with the Office of Minority Health in providing information necessary to perform these responsibilities.
 4. The Office of Minority Health shall be assisted in the performance of these responsibilities by an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the following groups: public and private agencies, community organizations, the medical profession, institutional providers, and representatives of all the minority groups discussed in the report of the Task Force on Minority Health Affairs. The committee shall be appointed by the Governor and function under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC). The chairperson of the advisory committee shall be a member of the PHAC.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, this 15th day of September in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight, and of the Commonwealth, One Hundred Fifty Two.


GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:


SECRETARY OF STATE