WHEREAS, it sometimes becomes necessary to temporarily close certain offices due to unsafe working conditions such as presence of toxic fumes, life threatening damage to building structures, emergency operations which would be disrupted by the presence of the usual work force or any other condition that poses imminent peril to the safety of the work force; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor, or my designee may issue such a declaration of emergency closing public buildings under the jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David Walters, by the authority vested in the Office of the Governor by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby order:

1. The Director of the State Office of Public Affairs is appointed as my designee for issuing such declarations for public buildings under the jurisdiction of the Office of Public Affairs. The Director is hereby authorized to take whatever action deemed necessary when hazardous conditions exist within those buildings.

2. In those buildings housing state offices which are not under the jurisdiction of the Office of Public Affairs, Appointing Authorities or their designees shall make the declaration of emergency required to close the office to state employees due to conditions posing imminent peril to the work force.

3. Employees affected by such office closings shall be placed on Administrative Leave in accordance with Merit Rule 530:10-15-71 while the workplace is closed.

4. The provisions of this Order do not exempt any agency from nonconflicting provisions of Executive Order 88-18, Executive Order 91-22 or rules adopted by the Office of Personnel Management to account for leave when state offices are temporarily closed due to unsafe working conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on this 17th day of March, 1992.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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ATTEST:

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ASSISTANT Secretary of State