WHEREAS there are growing numbers of homeless families and individuals in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS many persons not yet homeless face the risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS there are urgent needs to identify service gaps, enhance coordination of resources, and plan expanded efforts to assist the homeless;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority conferred upon the Office of Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Oklahoma, I hereby order and direct that the Governor’s Advisory Committee on the Homeless hereby is created and established.

The Advisory Committee shall consist of up to twenty-five members appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure for the duration of the Governor’s term of office.

The Governor’s Advisory Committee on the Homeless shall advise the Governor on issues related to the problems of persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; specifically the Advisory Committee shall:

1. examine the recent experiences of public and private agencies in providing emergency food, shelter, clothing and other support to those who are homeless;

2. identify methods of reducing the fragmentation of services and resource shortages to assist the homeless;

3. recommend actions by the public and private sectors which will improve transitional and permanent housing services for the homeless;

4. review Oklahoma’s efforts to help vulnerable people obtain adequate housing and avoid becoming homeless;

5. evaluate Oklahoma’s plans for using Federal funding under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990 and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; and
6. evaluate Oklahoma's plan for using state funds and ensure that the Homeless Flexible Funds are expended as soon as possible and utilized in such a manner that will provide assistance to those homeless persons needing assistance the most; and

7. ensure that all public and private agencies cooperate in an effort to complete the Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Strategy in such a manner that more entities may apply for and receive federal funds in Oklahoma.

All previous executive orders or other documents creating a Governor's Advisory Committee on the Homeless or similar body are hereby rescinded.

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, this 3rd day of July, 1991.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE