WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental right and responsibility of every U.S. citizen; and

WHEREAS, voter registration should be encouraged by governmental entities at all levels; and

WHEREAS, State agencies conduct a variety of programs where employees of state government come into contact with thousands of citizens eligible to vote if they become registered; and

WHEREAS, voter registration should be among the most accessible services provided by government to each citizen;

By the authority conferred upon the Office of Governor by the Constitution and laws of Oklahoma, I, Henry Bellmon, do hereby order:

1. All state agencies which in the daily administration of their business have regular contact with the public shall work with the appropriate county election board secretaries and to make voter registration services available to the public on a non-partisan basis in the offices of such agencies, by deputation of agency personnel as at-large registrars or other means deemed appropriate by the State Election Board Secretary.

2. A Task Force on Voter Registration Accessibility is hereby established. The Secretary of the State Election Board or his designee shall chair the Task Force. Other Task Force members to be appointed by the Governor shall include representatives of major state agencies affected by this order, local government officials and other public voter registration and education advocacy groups. The Task Force shall:

   a. Advise state agencies on ways and means to accomplish the objectives of this order;

   b. Encourage other governmental and private entities to make voter registration services available to the public; and

   c. Coordinate the implementation of this Executive Order.

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 26th day of February, 1987.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

[Signature]

ATTEST: [Signature]

Secretary of State