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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE**

Frank Keating
Governor

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2001-25

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on Foreign Animal Diseases.

The introduction of a Foreign Animal Disease into Oklahoma would have a disastrous effect on the state's agricultural economy and that of the Nation as well. Extensive measures are being taken across the country to reduce the likelihood that a foreign animal disease will be introduced. Preventive measures reduce the potential, but do not eliminate the possibility of an outbreak. Oklahoma must be prepared to deal with an outbreak of any foreign animal disease, in order to rapidly identify, contain, and eradicate the disease and reduce the impact on the citizens of Oklahoma.

The Task Force on Foreign Animal Diseases shall consist of state and federal entities as well as industry associations and private individuals as necessary to accomplish the duties assigned to the Task Force. As a minimum, there will be one person from each of the following state entities:

- The State Department of Agriculture
- The State Department of Civil Emergency Management
- The State Department of Health
- The State Department of Environmental Quality
- The State Department of Public Safety
- The State Department of Mental Health

The Secretary of Agriculture shall serve as Chairperson of the Task Force. The Chairperson may add additional members to as necessary to accomplish goals of the Task Force. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

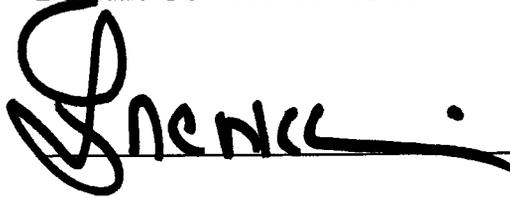
The Task Force shall be charged with the duty of developing a State response plan to be used should a foreign animal disease be introduced into the United States. In developing this plan, the Task Force shall develop goals and strategies to deal with both the introduction of a Foreign Animal Disease to Oklahoma via a bordering state or if Oklahoma should be the first state to report the possibility of a disease.

The Task Force shall meet at such times as they deem appropriate. The Task Force shall report to the Governor as to the progress and status of their effort every 60 days after the initial meeting. The plans developed by the Task Force shall include cost benefit analysis and suggestions for resources to meet any needed funding.

This executive order shall be distributed to the Secretary of Agriculture who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 24 Day of July 2001.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Keating', is written over a horizontal line.

Attest:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Smundson', is written over a horizontal line.

Assistant ~~Mike Hunter~~, Secretary of State