EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-02

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution hereby reestablished and extend the time for completion of the tasks assigned to the Oklahoma Governor's Task Force on Tobacco and Youth.

Tobacco use continues to be one of the leading causes of death in Oklahoma, costing the State of Oklahoma over $1 billion per year from illness, death, and lost productivity. Because the most efficient method of preventing the consequences of tobacco use is to never become addicted to the product during the early years of youth and adolescence, it is my intent that this task force continue its work in determining effective actions and promoting those actions for the reduction of tobacco use and nicotine addiction among Oklahoma youth:

The Oklahoma Governor's Task Force on Tobacco and Youth shall continue to have the following responsibilities:

1. Increase tobacco-use prevention education opportunities for Oklahoma youth.

2. Recommend effective public policies to prevent tobacco use and nicotine addiction among Oklahoma Youth.

3. Increase the public's awareness and understanding of the tobacco use problem among Oklahoma youth.

4. Report on a regular basis the findings and recommendations of the Task Force and the results of the efforts of the Task Force.
The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall assist the Task Force. The Task Force shall obtain other assistance as needed to accomplish the mission set forth in this executive order.

The Task Force shall report its progress to the Governor of Oklahoma and the Commissioner of Health on an annual basis.

The Governor’s Task Force on Tobacco and Youth shall be composed of the following members:

1. Commissioner of the Oklahoma State Department of Health or a designee;

2. The Commissioner of the Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or a designee;

3. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee;

4. The Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma or a designee;

5. The Chief Agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission or a designee;

6. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Medical Association or a designee;

7. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association or a designee;

8. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Dental Association or a designee;

9. The Executive Vice-President of the American Cancer Society, Oklahoma Division or a designee;

10. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Heart Association or a designee;

11. The Executive Vice-President of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Lung Association or a designee;
12. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Municipal League or a designee; and

13. The President of the Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers (Oklahoma PTA) or a designee.

such other members of the community to ensure a broad-based representation of the citizens of Oklahoma, as may be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall annually designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

The Task Force shall continue to fulfill its responsibilities through December 31, 2000.

This Executive Order shall be forwarded to the Department of Health 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 13th day of January, 1998.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Attest:

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Secretary of State