EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-03

I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution and Sections 3316 and 3317 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, hereby establish the Governor’s Impaired Driving Prevention Advisory Council.

The purpose of the Council shall be to reduce the incidence of impaired driving and associated traffic crashes in the State of Oklahoma. Traffic deaths due to impaired driving continue to decrease nationwide; however, Oklahoma’s death rate per 100,000 people has increased significantly. Oklahoma’s impaired driving death rate is higher than 46 other states, and Oklahoma ranks 51st for improvement in this category over the last 10 years.

These statistics only reflect alcohol impaired fatalities and do not reflect the increasing contribution of prescription and illicit drugs to the incidence of impaired driving and associated traffic crashes in the State of Oklahoma. This is an alarming trend, particularly since Oklahoma was the highest ranked state for nonmedical use of prescription painkillers in 2010 and ranked 9th in overall national drug overdose rates during the same year.

The Governor’s Council shall consist of not more than 10 members. All members shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall have training and experience in matters related to impaired driving; this may include persons who are or have been engaged in fields related to law enforcement, adjudication, substance abuse services, or an individual who has been affected by substance abuse. The Council shall be subject to sunset review two years from the date of this Executive Order.

The Council shall meet at such times and places as it deems appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation. Council members employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council by their respective state agency as authorized by state law. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed by their respective bodies for necessary travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law. Remaining Council members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law by the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office.

The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office shall work with the Council to create the organizational framework necessary to ensure efficient and effective operations, including bylaws and operating procedures. Administrative support for the Council, including personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Council, shall be provided by the
Oklahoma Highway Safety Office. The Secretary of Safety and Security shall appoint the initial chair and vice chair.

The Council shall collect, analyze, and interpret national, state, and local data on impaired driving and associated traffic crashes. In addition, the Council shall review, evaluate, and monitor the impaired driving system of this state; develop, implement, and oversee a plan for addressing identified gaps in the State’s impaired driving system; and provide a network of communication and cooperation among the various stakeholders to coordinate and integrate state and local efforts and resources to reduce the incidence of impaired driving and associated traffic crashes.

The Council shall complete and submit the statewide plan for reducing the incidence of impaired driving and associated traffic crashes to the Governor within one year of the date of this Order. The Council shall act in an advisory capacity to the Governor on all issues including, but not limited to, the creation, implementation, evaluation, and revision of the statewide plan.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, which shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.

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 5th day of February, 2013.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MARY FALLIN

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE