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## EXECUTIVE ORDER 93-39

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- WHEREAS, a clean and healthy environment is critical to the quality of life and economic vitality of our state; and
- WHEREAS, effective response to complex environmental issues requires understanding of the natural and built (human-made) environments, awareness of current environmental issues, established problem-solving skills, and a firm commitment to personal action; and
- WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the State of Missouri that a comprehensive environmental education initiative be undertaken to insure an environmentally-literate citizenry who will effectively solve existing environmental problems, prevent new ones, and maintain a sustainable environment for future generations;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MEL CARNAHAN, Governor of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby declare that:
- 1. A Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education is hereby established. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to develop a comprehensive environmental education plan for Missouri. The plan will identify environmental issues, will address coordination of environmental education within Missouri, and will develop implementation strategies for the delivery of environmental education to Missouri's students.
- 2. The Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education will be co-chaired by the director of the Department of Natural Resources or the director's designee and the director of the Department of Conservation or the director's designee.
- 3. All proceedings of the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education shall be conducted in accordance with the "Open Meetings Law" as provided for in Chapter 610 RSMo.
- 4. The Departments of Natural Resources and Conservation may reimburse Task Force members for their actual and necessary expenses connected with Task Force business. The Departments may limit what categories of members are entitled to reimbursement. The Departments may further provide substitute teacher support necessitated by Task Force business.
- 5. The Departments of Natural Resources and Conservation will provide appropriate staffing for the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education.
- 6. The Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education shall submit its comprehensive environmental education plan to the Governor no later than June 30, 1994.
- 7. The Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education shall automatically cease to exist on July 1, 1994, unless extended by subsequent executive action.
- 8. The membership of the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Education shall consist of the following:

The director of the Department of Natural Resources or the director's designee;

The director of the Department of Conservation or the director's designee;

The commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or the commissioner's designee;

The commissioner of Higher Education or the commissioner's designee;

The director of the Department of Agriculture or the director's designee;

The director of the Department of Economic Development or the director's designee;

The director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;

The director of the Department of Public Safety or the director's designee;

A representative of the office of the Attorney General;

A representative of the House of Representatives' Education Committee;

A representative of the Senate Education Committee;

A representative of the Missouri State Teachers Association;

A representative of the Missouri National Education Association;

A representative of the American Federation of Teachers;

A representative of the Missouri School Boards Association;

A representative of the Conservation Federation of Missouri;

A representative of the Missouri Farm Bureau;

A representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture;

A representative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

A representative of the U.S. Forest Service;

A representative of the National Park Service;

Two classroom teachers to represent primary education;

One classroom teacher to represent "middle school" education;

Two classroom teachers to represent secondary education;

One college faculty member to represent higher education;

Three representatives of not-for-profit organizations involved in environmental education; One representative of senior Missourians;

Four citizens with interest in environmental education, and;

Any other members which the Governor may, from time to time, appoint.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 23rd day of September, 1993.

ATTEST:

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