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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMISSION DIVISION

WHEREAS, the Missouri Office of Administration was authorized pursuant to Article IV, Section 12, of the Missouri Constitution and Chapter 37, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development was authorized pursuant to Article IV, Section 12, of the Missouri Constitution and Chapter 620, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Life Sciences Research Board was created by section 196.1103, RSMo, and is currently assigned to the Office of Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for the management, governance, and control of moneys appropriated from the Life Sciences Research Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Life Sciences Research Trust Fund was established to receive funds from the state's portion of the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, life sciences is a fast-emerging industry that is an integral part of Missouri's economy; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Missouri Life Sciences Research Board would be enhanced by a move to the Department of Economic Development where other state initiatives promoting life sciences in Missouri are located; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Missouri Life Sciences Research Board would better serve Missouri's citizens by increasing efficiencies and is a component of the Governor's Executive Branch Reorganization Plan of 2006; and

WHEREAS, I am committed to integrating executive branch operations to ensure that the state delivers quality services in the most accessible manner and at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby order the Missouri Office of Administration and the Missouri Department of Economic Development to cooperate to:

1. Transfer all the authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of Missouri Life Sciences Research Board from the Office of Administration to the Department of Economic Development, by Type III transfer, as defined under the Reorganization Act of 1974; and
2. Develop mechanisms and processes necessary to effectively transfer the Missouri Life Sciences Research Board to the Department of Economic Development; and
3. Transfer the responsibility for staff support for the Missouri Life Sciences Research Board from the Office of Administration to the Department of Economic Development; and
4. Take the steps necessary to maintain compliance with federal requirements, so as not to jeopardize federal financial participation with this consolidation.

This Order shall become effective no sooner than August 28, 2006 unless disapproved within sixty days of its submission to the Second Regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly.



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 1st day of February, 2006.

Matt Blunt
Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State