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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN G. ROWLAND

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 33

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Public Health's (hereinafter "the Department") is to protect the health and safety of the people of Connecticut and actively work to prevent disease and promote wellness through education;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, statewide approach to meeting this mission is needed to address critical public health concerns affecting Connecticut's residents, particularly, children, women, minorities, and those residing in urban and rural areas;

WHEREAS, the Department working to reduce health disparities among various populations living in Connecticut by assessing the health status of specific populations and developing and promoting health resources to eliminate these disparities;

WHEREAS, the promotion of health literacy is essential for individuals to make informed choices and to access needed health care;

WHEREAS, the Department is working with stakeholders to study and implement new initiatives related to improving the quality of health care, and fostering health promotion and prevention through educational programs and partnerships with community and faith-based organizations;

WHEREAS, the public health workforce must be prepared to: deliver the essential services; have the skills and competencies to respond effectively to all current and emerging public health threats; and address challenges such as the recruitment and retention of a diversified public health workforce; and

WHEREAS, epidemiological surveillance, rapid communications, enhanced laboratory capacity and technology, risk communication, education and training, and workforce competency are all priority capacities that must be developed to enhance the state's public health infrastructure for emergency response;

NOW THEREFORE, I, John G. Rowland, Governor of the State of Connecticut, acting by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT:**

1. There shall be established the Connecticut Public Health Foundation (hereinafter the "Foundation").

2. The Foundation shall be an independent, privately governed, nonprofit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Connecticut and established for the principal purpose of soliciting, receiving, and distributing private funds for charitable, scientific, educational or related purposes to enhance the Department's efforts to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Connecticut.

3. The Foundation shall be composed of a Board of Directors to be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health.

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4. The Commissioner of Public Health or his designee shall be a nonvoting, ex-officio member of the Foundation.

5. That this Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated in Hartford, Connecticut, this 24rd day of March, 2004.

John G. Rowland

JOHN G. ROWLAND
Governor

By His Excellency's Command

Susan Bysiewicz
Secretary of the State