

an order establishing
the
Governor's Panel on Teenage Smoking

WHEREAS, teenage smoking is a significant concern across our country as well as in the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, smoking has been demonstrated to have a deleterious effect upon the health of individuals, especially our youth; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we work together to make our children aware of the dangers of smoking and of the healthy benefits of a life free from smoking; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to accomplish this goal is through education, both at home and in the schools; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a panel comprised of experts and concerned individuals from pertinent areas of expertise to promote ways to educate our children so as to reduce teenage smoking;

WHEREAS, this public/private partnership will aid in achieving our goal of greater long-term health for the children of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN MERRILL, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish the Governor's Panel on Teenage Smoking. The Panel will have the following responsibilities:

to evaluate current efforts at the State and local level to reduce teenage smoking;

to identify groups and individuals who have been partners in this effort and solicit their testimony;

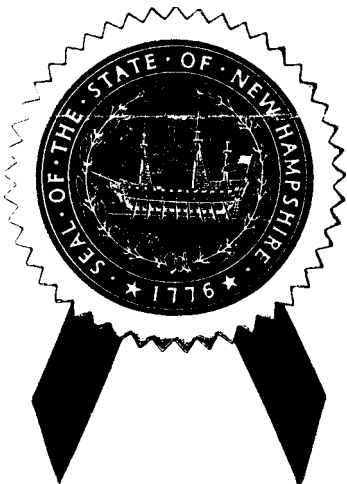
to report on innovative educational methods from across the country which may be applicable in New Hampshire;

to make a report to the Governor on the status of ongoing efforts and make recommendations to the Governor on how best to proceed;

I therefore establish, effective April 10, **1996**, the Governor's Panel on Teenage Smoking to be comprised of the following membership with the Governor to appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman;

- (2) members from the general medical field
- (2) members from the Retail Grocers Association
- (2) members from the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association
- (2) representatives from the State Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Public Health
- (2) members of the New Hampshire Medical Society
- (2) insurance representatives
- (2) members of the American Cancer Society
- (2) members of the American Heart Association
- (2) members of the American Lung Association
- (2) representatives of New Hampshire schools
- (2) representatives of the Police
- (2) youth members
- (3) public members

Given at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this tenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, and of the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and nineteen.



Stephen Merrill
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE