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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 09 FY 02/03
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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL
ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, SPORTS, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS**

WHEREAS, good physical and mental health is necessary to ensure the happiness and well-being of every citizen of the State of Maine and is vital to our individual and collective prosperity; and

WHEREAS, recreation and physical fitness are central components of a healthy, meaningful, and productive life; and

WHEREAS, promoting health and wellness is an important part of the process of encouraging children and adults to avoid tobacco use, address drug and alcohol addictions, and opt for exercise and eating habits that combat obesity; and

WHEREAS, sound and informed ideas are essential in advising the Governor of means to foster a healthy citizenry:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby create the GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, SPORTS, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS (hereinafter "Council").

Purpose

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor of means to foster a healthy citizenry, as well as offer viable solutions to the health challenges that face the State. To those ends, the Council shall propose strategies to increase the level of citizen involvement in recreational and sporting activities, identify and provide guidance on health-related issues that may be appropriately addressed through legislative and administrative action, serve as a liaison for national organizations and interest groups, and generally plan methods to carry out the foregoing responsibilities.

Composition of the Council

The Council shall be composed of twenty-five members, who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. From the twenty-five members, the Governor

shall select Co-Chairs of the Council, who will preside at, set the agenda for, and schedule Council meetings. The Co-Chairs will serve in their respective positions at the Governor's pleasure.


The members of the Council shall represent a broad spectrum of groups interested and having expertise in health and wellness, recreation, and sports, and shall include individuals from the business community, the elementary, secondary, and public university school systems, medical professionals, and sport fitness organizations.

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. To carry out the Council's purpose, federal funds, not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year, may be provided through the Bureau of Health to compensate staff employed by the Council and for use by the Council for strategic planning.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is 14 February 2003.

This Executive Order revokes and replaces all prior Executive Orders, as well as any bylaws promulgated there under, that establish entities whose function and organization is the same or substantially the same as the GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, SPORTS, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS. Such prior Executive Orders include, without exception, Executive Order 5 FY 95/96 (dated 30 January 1996), Executive Order 13 FY 91/92 (dated 31 January 1992), Executive Order 1 FY 80/81 (dated 11 August 1980), and Executive Order 10 FY 7778 (dated 13 December 1977).


John E. Baldacci, Governor