

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2

WHEREAS, drug abuse is one of the most dangerous and serious problems with which our state and nation is confronted; and

WHEREAS, this problem is an increasing menace which spreads throughout our citizenry without regard to financial condition, social status, race, sex or intelligence quotient, and, though there is some indication that less mature and less emotionally stable persons are more prone to experiment with and to come under the influence of certain narcotic drugs, including barbiturates, central nervous system stimulants and depressants, and those having an hallucinogenic effect, the abuse of these drugs is by no means limited to any one age group; and

WHEREAS, the tragic and often fatal effect resulting from the use of these drugs are brought to our attention with increasing frequency and the general public, as well as professional personnel and families directly concerned, are acutely aware of the immediate need to make concerted and comprehensive efforts to combat and to conquer this most serious threat to the health and sanity of our state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, as Governor of Alabama, in recognition of the public policy of this state to promote and protect the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, do hereby implement a program to combat the dangers of drug abuse

to the end that such dangers will be eradicated or materially diminished.

There is hereby created and established a state commission to be known as the Governor's Commission on Drug Abuse which shall be composed of five members, to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure. Such members, who shall be residents of divergent areas of the state, shall each be experienced and highly knowledgeable in at least one of the following fields; law enforcement, health, education, youth recreational and training activities, religion, correctional institutions and probation and paroles. The Governor shall designate which of the members shall be chairman and the commission shall meet upon the call of the chairman or of the Governor. The commission shall make rules and regulations necessary for its operation and for the performance of its duties, and may alter the same upon resolution duly adopted by the majority of its members. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

It shall be the duty of the commission to ascertain the extent of the problem of the abuse of drugs and other harmful substances, and particularly those drugs whose use is regulated by the provisions of Title 22, Code of Alabama, Recompiled 1958, as heretofore or hereafter amended or supplemented; the location or area where the problem is

most severe or likely to become severe; to investigate areas of infrequent or isolated instances of drug abuse; to determine the source of supply of drugs and contacts through which they were furnished; to find the cause; insofar as possible, leading to the use of these drugs in individual cases and the effect thereof; to cooperate with state and local personnel engaged in the following fields: law enforcement, health, education, religion, youth activities, correctional institutions and probation and parole duties; to make comprehensive and detailed plans for combating drug abuse; and to make periodic reports to the Governor on findings, conclusions and recommendations.

Done this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 1971.

*George C. Wallace*  
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GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA



ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE