

Amended March 2, 1981

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER TEN

WHEREAS, numerous barriers prevent rural Alabamians from obtaining adequate medical care and there exists a shortage of rural physicians, nurses and other health professionals; and

WHEREAS, many obstacles to providing adequate medical care to rural Alabamians transcend municipal, county and township barriers; and

WHEREAS, the health of rural Alabamians is of major concern to the State of Alabama and its Governor; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide a central focus within the Governor's office to coordinate and initiate rural health activities funded with public monies; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare has provided financial and other support to help improve the health care of rural Alabamians and has indicated a continuing interest in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fob James, as Governor of the State of Alabama, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, hereby create the Office of Rural Health Affairs which shall be the primary agency of the State of Alabama for the development, coordination and initiation of rural health activities funded with public monies. This office shall be a part of the State Health Planning and Development Agency created by Executive Order Number Seven dated June 26, 1979, and shall be directly under its supervision and control. The chief administrative officer shall be appointed initially by the

Governor, and the selection of such officer shall be based upon mutual agreement between the Governor and the senior United States Senator from Alabama. Thereafter, the chief administrative officer shall be appointed by the Office of Rural Health Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Alabama Rural Health Affairs Advisory Council shall be composed of eight persons appointed by the Governor, but four of whom shall be initially selected by the senior United States Senator from Alabama. Thereafter, all vacancies occurring in the council shall be filled by the Governor. The Advisory Council shall be advisory to the chief administrative officer and the State Health Planning and Development Agency concerning rural health affairs.

Without in any way limiting the foregoing general powers and duties, the Office of Rural Health Affairs shall have the following additional powers and duties:

- (1) To apply for and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions and any other form of assistance from the federal government, and state or other public body, or from any sources, public or private, for the purposes of this Executive Order, and to enter into and carry out contracts for financial assistance with the federal government such conditions imposed pursuant to federal laws as it deems reasonable and appropriate and which are not inconsistent with the purposes of this Executive Order or the laws of

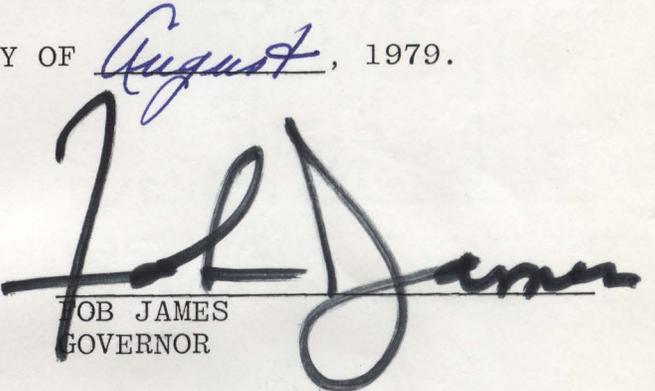
this state.

- (2) To exercise all other powers necessary and proper for the discharge of its duties, including the promulgation of reasonable rules and regulations.

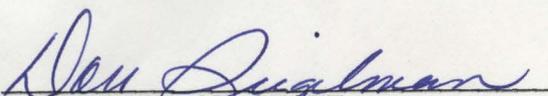
This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and continue until such time that the Governor is advised by the State Health Planning and Development Agency that such Order should be rescinded.

DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF August, 1979.




BOB JAMES
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE