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Governor

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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-08

I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby establish the position of Homeland Security Director.

It is the fundamental duty of government to protect its people. With the creation of a federal Department of Homeland Security and the issue of homeland security being of increasing significance in Oklahoma and our sister states and local governmental entities, it is necessary to have a single point of contact for issues related to homeland security.

The position of Homeland Security Director shall exist until the Legislature creates such a permanent position by statute. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall serve, ex officio, as the Homeland Security Director. The purpose of this position is to coordinate homeland security efforts for the State of Oklahoma including initiatives to prevent terrorist acts, reduce our vulnerability to such attacks, and prepare to respond and recover from any terrorist attacks.

The State of Oklahoma was devastated by the bombing in downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. In responding and recovering from this destructive attack, Oklahoma set the standard in terrorism response efforts. This position will enable Oklahoma to continue to play a prominent role in the national effort to protect this country and the furthering of the "Oklahoma Standard."

Recognizing the primary purpose of homeland security shall be the prevention of terrorist attacks, it is imperative that the Homeland Security Director be a law enforcement professional. Only through proper interpretation and notification of potential threats can the flow of information to state agencies and officials, local government officials, private businesses and the citizens of Oklahoma be facilitated. This will further ensure the activation of the Oklahoma Homeland Security Advisory system is made with the proper information.

The Oklahoma Homeland Security Director will have the following primary duties:

1. Representing the State of Oklahoma with federal agencies as the state homeland security director for purposes of accessing federal funds and cooperating with federal

agencies in the development and implementation of a nationwide homeland security strategy and response;

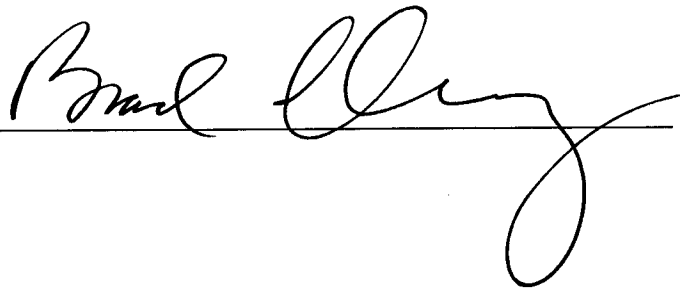
2. Coordinating and preparing applications for federal funds and overseeing the implementation of plans for the expenditure of those funds consistent with the recommendation of the Governor;
3. Administration of the Oklahoma Homeland Security Advisory System;
4. Serve as a single point of contact for the State of Oklahoma, including state agencies and officials, local government officials, private businesses and the citizens of Oklahoma; for homeland security issues and efforts; and
5. Such other duties related to homeland security as the Governor may prescribe.

The efforts of the Homeland Security Director will result in federal, state and local officials and the citizens of Oklahoma to be better and more effectively served when interfacing with a single point of contact.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Commissioner of Public Safety who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented.

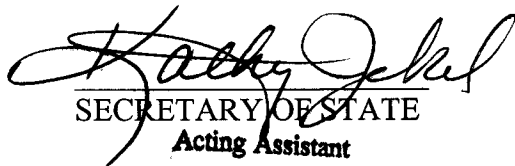
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 9th day of May, 2003.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Henry", is written over a horizontal line.

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Jehl", is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE
Acting Assistant