EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84-15

WHEREAS, there is a continuing loss of innocent human lives due to the increasing rate of alcohol-related traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina desires to take positive steps to address the critical problem of removing those driving under the influence from the state's highways; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to evaluate the current system of administration, sanctions, policies and treatment of drinking drivers; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop local strategies to prevent drivers from drinking and driving; and

WHEREAS, the changes in attitudes, mores and behaviors, necessary to change social acceptance of drinking and driving occur at the community level; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for an effective statewide comprehensive solution to the increasing problem of driving under the influence; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Four Regional Task Forces on Drinking and Driving have reviewed the drinking and driving countermeasures existing in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, these Task Forces have completed their eight-month analysis and made final recommendations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to monitor and assist in the implementation of these recommendations through support and advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the State, I hereby continue the Regional Task Forces on Drinking and Driving by restructuring them into a 16-member Statewide Task Force to serve as an advisory group to the Governor's Committee on Highway Safety.
The DUI Task Force shall be made up of four (4) representatives from each of the previously appointed Regional Task Forces on Drinking and Driving.

The role of the Statewide DUI Task Force shall include the following:

1. To monitor and encourage the implementation of the recommendations and strategies proposed by the Regional Task Forces on Drinking and Driving;

2. To continue to review alcohol-related accident data, DUI arrests and conviction information, and legislative progress in order to determine countermeasure effectiveness;

3. To make further recommendations, where necessary to ensure the abatement of rising DUI-related accidents in South Carolina.

The DUI Task Force shall meet, as appropriate, and provide a status report and any recommendations to the Governor's Committee on Highway Safety at least semi-annually.

The Governor's Office, Division of Public Safety Programs shall provide staff support to the Task Force as required.

All state agencies are hereby requested to cooperate fully in the activities of the DUI Task Force.

The members of the DUI Task Force shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State