

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 72-06a**

**ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION  
COUNCIL AND THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL AS THE  
SINGLE STATE PLANNING AGENCY UNDER THE  
DRUG ABUSE OFFICE AND TREATMENT ACT  
OF 1972 (P.L. 92-255)**

**WHEREAS**, the dangerous and serious problem of drug abuse facing our state and nation afflicts suburban and rural as well as urban areas of our state; and

Drug abuse, such as heroin addiction, substantially contributes to crime; and

Drug abuse undermines our institutions by inflicting increasing pain and hardship on individuals, families, and communities; and

Coordination of state and local efforts with those of the federal government will increase the effectiveness of efforts to control and treat drug abuse in our state; and

The success of state drug abuse programs and activities requires a recognition of the inter-relations of education, treatment, rehabilitation, research, training and law enforcement efforts; and

Too little is known about the total extent of drug abuse in our state and the ways to treat and prevent it; and

Drug abuse control requires the development, adoption and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated plans by state and local government and a state master plan; and

Section 409(e) of Title IV of the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 requires for the receipt of federal drug abuse prevention funds the designation by the governor of a state of a sole planning agency to be responsible for supervising the preparation and administration of a state master plan for drug abuse prevention, and requires a state drug abuse advisory council; and

The public interest of the citizens of the state of Washington requires that there be a full and effective implementation of the provisions of the Drug Abuse office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), and that this can best be accomplished by a unified administrative and planning program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. Evans**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim the following Executive order:

(1) There is hereby created within the Executive Office of the Governor the Drug Abuse Prevention Office responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive state plan for drug abuse prevention and control.

(2) The Drug Abuse Prevention Office shall consist of the Drug Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator, the Interagency Committee on Drug Abuse, the Governor's Advisory Committee for Drug Abuse Prevention, and the Human Affairs Council.

(3) The Drug Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator shall be designated by the Governor and shall report to the Governor. The coordinator shall have the authority to retain staff as is appropriate, shall act as chairman of the Interagency Committee on Drug Abuse, and shall provide staff services to the Governor's Advisory Committee for Drug Abuse Prevention.

(4) The Interagency Committee on Drug Abuse shall consist of the supervisor or administrator of each drug abuse prevention program or office within state government.

(5) The Governor's Advisory Committee for Drug Abuse Prevention shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall consist of persons representative of nongovernmental organizations and groups, local government agencies concerned with the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and drug dependence, different areas of the state, and Governor's citizen advisory councils, commissions and task forces which deal with human affairs policy considerations.

(6) The Governor's Advisory Committee for Drug Abuse Prevention shall be an advisory body to the Governor and to the Interagency Committee on Drug Abuse.

(7) The Drug Abuse Prevention office shall be a planning agency advisory to the Governor; the Office shall not assume the administration of drug abuse prevention programs not directly related to its planning responsibilities unless these programs cannot be located within an existing state agency.

(8) The Drug Abuse Prevention office is authorized to accept any other responsibilities required of the sole state agency by the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 and pursuant and subsequent federal regulations and to delegate any of these responsibilities to appropriate agencies.

(9) The Drug Abuse Prevention Office shall maintain general oversight, review, evaluation and approval of drug abuse prevention activities pursuant to the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, including the development and revision of a state master plan for drug abuse prevention, establishment of priorities for programs, and coordination with local governments.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 12th day of June A.D., Nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

Daniel J. Evans  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Secretary of State

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