

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 78-04**

**RESCINDING EO [77-14](#),  
STATE EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 1977, the voters of the State of Washington approved an initiative which exempted most food products from retail sales and use taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 1977, an Executive Order was issued directing all executive branch agencies to adhere to an expenditure reduction plan until such time as the impact of the initiative could be better assessed; and

**WHEREAS**, the latest economic reports for the State of Washington enable a more accurate assessment of projected state revenues, and the outlook for the State of Washington is for continued economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenue collections for the current fiscal year are higher than anticipated and can be expected to exceed earlier forecasts throughout the biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the prospects for a balanced state budget for the current biennium can be assured without further reduction of authorized expenditure levels and it is my desire to minimize program disruptions and unnecessary administrative procedures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Dixy Lee Ray, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby rescind Executive Order 77-14 effective March 20, 1978.

**PROVIDED, HOWEVER**, all agency directors shall be expected to continue, when feasible, policies designed to restrict the growth of state government employment and to apply stringent controls to travel, personal services contracting and all other objects of expenditure. To this end, I will be issuing an administrative directive detailing specific control guidelines. I have also directed the Office of Financial Management to define reporting procedures so I can monitor agency staffing levels and travel expenditures.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 17th day of March A.D., Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Dixy Lee Ray  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Assistant Secretary of State

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