

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-03

### RESCISSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS

**WHEREAS**, upon taking office I pledged to pursue the principles of regulatory improvement to streamline and simplify the operations of state government. As part of that commitment it is necessary to periodically review existing executive orders and to eliminate those that are unnecessary, confusing or ineffective.

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this ongoing review, in 1997 I rescinded seventy-five executive orders (see Executive Order [97-04](#)), reducing the total number of operative orders by approximately fifty percent.

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Governor and executive branch agencies have identified five additional executive orders that are no longer necessary and can be rescinded immediately.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the State of Washington, in keeping with the principles of regulatory reform and improvement, continue my commitment to streamline and simplify the operations of state government by eliminating unnecessary, outdated, and conflicting policies and directives of the Office of the Governor. To accomplish that purpose, by virtue of the power vested in me, I hereby order and direct that the following executive orders be rescinded:

**EO [91-04](#)**, relating to the establishment of the Governor's Council on Education Reform and Funding.

- The work of the council was completed in 1992, and the executive order is, THEREFORE, obsolete.

**EO [91-09](#)**, relating to general fund allotment reductions.

- The executive order applied only to the 1991-93 biennium and is, THEREFORE, obsolete.

**EO [93-05](#)**, relating to state travel procedures.

- Travel requirements have been incorporated into the Office of Financial Management's financial and administrative policies. The executive order is, THEREFORE, obsolete.

**EO [93-08](#)**, relating to the Council on Agriculture and the Environment.

- The council is no longer functioning, and the executive order is, THEREFORE, obsolete.

**EO [95-02](#)**, relating to the Governor's Higher Education Task Force.

- The work of the task force was completed in 1996, and the executive order is, THEREFORE, obsolete.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have Additional  
hereunto set my hand and  
caused the seal of the State of  
Washington to be Affixed at  
Olympia this 14th day of  
December A.D., Nineteen  
hundred and ninety-eight.

**GARY LOCKE**  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Secretary of State