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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State  
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RELATING TO STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT  
IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT

**WHEREAS**, the proper operation of democratic government requires that a public official or employee shall not use public office to obtain private benefits and that the public must have confidence in the integrity of its government and public officials; and

**WHEREAS**, it is time to strengthen the integrity of state government and to insure that those who serve in the public sector are accountable to the people of the Commonwealth:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Sections 69, 79 and 81 of the Kentucky Constitution, and KRS 12.080, do hereby Declare, Order and Direct the following pertaining to standards of ethical conduct in the Executive Branch of state government:

1. All Executive Branch state agencies and department heads shall establish and implement, in coordination and consultation with the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, the Finance and Administration Cabinet and the Personnel Cabinet, mandatory ethics training for all major management personnel as defined in KRS 11A.010(7) in the Executive Branch of state government. A voluntary annual ethics training program also shall be established, implemented and made available for Executive Branch lobbyists by the Commission. Training on the Executive Branch Code of Ethics as authorized by this section shall be either



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through classroom training or through educational materials. Agency-designated ethics officers shall provide assistance as needed in effecting this training.

2. The Executive Branch Ethics Commission, created under KRS 11A.060, is composed of five (5) members appointed the Governor. Beginning with the terms of the commission members whose appointments expire after the effective date of this Order, members shall be appointed on a rotating basis, as follows:

- A. The first member to be appointed after the effective date of this Order shall be appointed by the Governor;
- B. The next member to be appointed after the effective date of this Order shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Attorney General;
- C. The next member to be appointed after the effective date of this Order shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Auditor of Public Accounts.
- D. The annual appointment of members shall then be repeated in accordance with the same nomination and appointment rotation procedure established in this subsection. A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the vacating member's position was filled under this section.

3. No executive branch public servant, by himself or through others, shall knowingly:

- A. Use or attempt to use his official position to secure or create privileges, exemptions, advantages, or treatment for himself or others in

