EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

WHEREAS, the incidence of job-related injuries to correctional facility employees of the State of Wisconsin has steadily increased in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a responsibility to discover and implement the most reasonable and efficacious means of maximizing the safety of correctional facility employees while performing duties within the scope of their state employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Governor of Wisconsin, do hereby create, pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin and by s. 14.019 Wisconsin Statutes, a Governor's Employee Safety Task Force to consist of five public members to be appointed by the Governor and a sixth member to be designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services; and with the charge to:

1. Determine the nature and extent of the correctional facility assault and employee injury problems; and

2. Determine the nature of and the cause for the increase in the number of employees eligible for income continuation benefits under s. 230.36, Wisconsin Statutes, for injuries sustained in the course of hazardous employment in state correctional facilities; and

3. Determine whether the policies, procedures, equipment, and physical plants of state correctional facilities are adequate to achieve reasonable employee safety objectives; and

4. Review the adequacy of legal and medical assistance available to correctional facility employees injured while performing duties within the scope of their state employment to determine reasons for increasing absenteeism and the solution to this problem.

5. Report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by November 1, 1979.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison, this 2nd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine.

LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS

By the Governor:

VEL R. PHILLIPS