

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), pursuant to Title II, Section 8, of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, has made funds available in Wisconsin for the purpose of providing decent, safe and sanitary dwellings to the low-income citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, all the Section 8 funds made available by HUD have not been and will not be expended because of the priorities established by the prime recipients, local housing authorities; and

WHEREAS, the full utilization of Section 8 funds is in the best interest of the people of Wisconsin, and in particular the lowincome citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, HUD may be willing to make unexpended Section 8 funds available to an agency of the State of Wisconsin for use . throughout the state if such agency has the authority to receive and administer the funds; and

WHEREAS, Section 16.54(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes states: "The governor may accept for the state the provisions of any act of congress whereby funds... are made available to the state, its political subdivisions, or its citizens... and to this end the governor may take... all necessary acts including... the designation of state, municipal or other agencies to perform specific duties": and WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Local Affairs and Development has considerable experience in administering federallyfunded housing programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby Order and Direct, pursuant to Section 16.54(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that Section 8 funds made available by HUD in Wisconsin but not fully expended for their intended purpose because of the decisions of local housing authorities may be received by the Wisconsin Department of Local Affairs and Development and may be disbursed to qualified recipients throughout the State without the concurrence of local governing bodies. The requirements set forth in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and any interpretive regulations and procedures promulgated by HUD shall be binding on the Department of Local Affairs and Development. All other provisions of state and local law which deal with housing shall also be binding on the Department of Local Affairs and Development. Nothing contained in this Executive Order shall diminish the right of the Wisconsin Housing Finance Authority or local housing authorities to receive Housing and Community Development Act funds directly from HUD whenever said Wisconsin Housing Finance Authority or local housing authorities elect to receive such funds.

By the Governor

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 16+5 day of <u>Apvil</u>, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

PATRICK J. LUCEY; -Governor