

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 46

**Relating to the Creation of the
Governor's Task Force on Ethics Reform in Government**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has historically been known as a progressive State practicing ethics in government that are beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Code of Ethics for Public Officials declares that high moral and ethical standards are essential to the conduct of free government; and

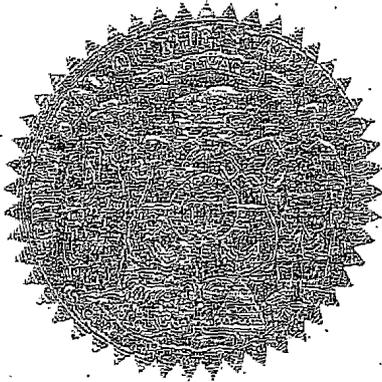
WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Code of Ethics, campaign finance and elections laws further Wisconsin's tradition of clean and open government by setting standards of conduct for State public officials; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents demand that public officials operate their offices and conduct their campaigns with integrity and honesty;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Task Force on Ethics Reform in Government (hereinafter "Task Force") consisting of six (6) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
2. Provide that the Governor shall designate two members to be the co-chairs to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Provide that the Task Force shall have the following mission:
 - a. Examine the existing statutory provisions, administrative rules and other State policies related to Wisconsin's Code of Ethics, campaign finance and election laws; and
 - b. Examine the Federal Hatch Act as it may apply to State senior appointed officials and top legislative aides; and
 - c. Recommend changes that will strengthen Wisconsin's Code of Ethics, campaign finance and election laws, and enhance Wisconsin's reputation for integrity in Government; and
 - d. Recommend changes that will improve the clarity, enforceability and fairness of Wisconsin's Code of Ethics, campaign finance and election laws; and

4. Direct the Department of Administration to provide the Task Force with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with Section 20.505(4)(ba) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
5. Provide that the Task Force issue a report to the Governor, which includes suggested legislation for a possible Special Session, within three months of the first meeting date; and
6. Provide that the Task Force shall dissolve when its final report is accepted 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 fifteenth day of May in the year two thousand two.

Scott McCallum
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State