



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 259

Relating to a Proclamation of Law Enforcement Status for the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program for Asset Sharing Purposes

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs through the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program has participated for numerous years in the national effort to eliminate the illegal distribution of controlled substances through a state controlled federally funded program; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program has been supporting law enforcement agencies by flying law enforcement agents on specially equipped aircraft, by providing specialized training to law enforcement personnel, as well as by providing intelligence analysts, and other specialists, who could relieve law enforcement officers from support duties to return them to street duty; and

WHEREAS, many of the cases the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program has directly or indirectly assisted law enforcement with have resulted in the confiscation and forfeiture of assets, such as cash, vehicles, and real property; and

WHEREAS, under current federal statutes only law enforcement agencies may share in the division of confiscated and forfeited assets; and

WHEREAS, a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and supported federal agencies have asked the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program to participate in the asset sharing, including written support of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program seeks to participate in the asset sharing in order to use those funds to assist its training efforts for law enforcement support, and to further its drug education and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the designation of an entity as a law enforcement agency for the purposes of asset sharing may be accomplished by executive order;

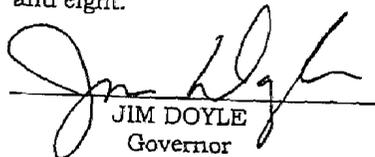
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of this State do hereby:

1. Proclaim the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program to be a law enforcement agency for the sole and exclusive purpose of participating in sharing in asset forfeitures with a HIDTA, and federal entities; and

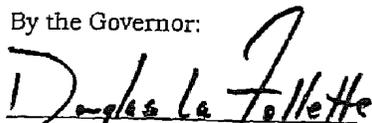
2. Proclaim that for no other event shall the Wisconsin National Guard Drug Control Program be considered a law enforcement agency.



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 eleventh day of
June in the year two thousand
and eight.


JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State