EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04-05

OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The unprecedented terrorist attacks on the United States of America on September 11, 2001 and numerous other threats to Americans at home and abroad from terrorist activities reaffirm to everyone the importance of a secure homeland.

The citizens of the State of Oregon now know they face the uncertain hazards of malicious harm as well as the more easily understood acts of nature and human error.

Currently, divisions exist within and between the various agencies of state government that are responsible for preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters and terrorist attacks. The challenges facing Oregon's homeland, are of sufficient magnitude such that they must be addressed by a consolidated and coordinated entity whose primary responsibility is safeguarding the safety and security of Oregonians from such threats.

Now therefore, after consultation with the Governor's Security Council, the Attorney General, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Superintendent of State Police and the Acting Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. The Office of Homeland Security is hereby created.


3. The following elements of the Oregon National Guard shall be considered part of the Office of Homeland Security: the Joint Director of Military Support Homeland Defense and the 102nd Civil Support Team.

4. The Departments of Agriculture, Transportation, Environmental Quality and the Department of Human Services, Public Health Preparedness Section shall each designate a liaison to the Office of Homeland Security to better coordinate the efforts of those Agencies with that of the Office of Homeland Security.

5. The Office of Homeland Security shall be administratively deemed a department, and shall perform the statutory duties required of each of its composite elements. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be a member of the Governor's Cabinet.
6. The Department of State Police the Oregon Military Department, the Department of Administrative Services, and any other applicable departments shall execute such interagency agreements or memoranda as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Executive Order.

7. The Office of Homeland Security shall provide overall leadership in coordinating private and governmental sector efforts to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from, disasters and terrorist attacks making efficient and effective use of Oregon’s emergency resources, including close cooperation with the State’s local partners and first responders.

Done at Portland, Oregon this 11th day of May, 2004.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE