

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 47

**WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") places upon the Governor of each state the responsibility for the proper use of taxpayer dollars appropriated by that Act. It is clear from the language of the Act, the directions provided by the leadership of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the President and his representatives, that the administration of the provisions of this Act shall be open and transparent and that there shall be accountability at levels of detail and timeliness not seen before. However, compliance with the requirements of this law is a small burden to bear when measured against the level of fiscal relief and resulting benefits it will produce for the citizens of the State of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the mandates of the Recovery Act require that the Governor make certifications to the federal government prior to the receipt of federal funds and upon the occurrence of certain events thereafter. In addition, reporting requirements are imposed directing that specific data be provided to the federal government both as a condition of the receipt of funds and to avoid implied sanctions for noncompliance. To a higher degree than heretofore required by federal programs, the certifications and reporting under the Recovery Act must be accurate and timely;

**NOW THEREFORE**, based on these considerations, and for other good and valid reasons that relate thereto, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, do direct each state department and agency chief executive officer to comply with the terms of this Executive Order and the Initial Guidance attached hereto to meet the new state responsibilities under the Recovery Act.

**BE IT ORDERED** that each agency and department of the State of Alabama, and each institution of higher education, through its chief executive officer, shall provide this office with the data mandated in the Recovery Act and by related rules and regulations, in accordance with the schedule that will be provided by this office. The chief executive officer of each state department and agency, and institution of higher education, is responsible to the Governor for compliance in all respects. A designated agency Compliance Officer is to be identified to the Finance Director by April 17, 2009.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Finance Director is designated as the official charged with collecting the required information, verifying its accuracy, reporting it to this office, monitoring competitive grants and formula driven federal funds, and otherwise determining that the state is in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Recovery Act and its implementing rules and regulations. Representatives of the Finance Director will contact the Compliance Officers regarding the procedures for implementing and enforcing this Order.

**DONE and ORDERED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.



  
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Bob Riley  
Governor

Attested:

  
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Beth Chapman  
Secretary of State