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**Executive Order Establishing the
Green Illinois Government Coordinating Council**

WHEREAS, like other large businesses, manufacturers and service providers, state executive agencies generate waste products and consume large quantities of natural resources through their operation and the items they purchase;

WHEREAS, Illinois' economy and the health, safety and quality of life of its citizens are dependent on the careful stewardship of resources and utilization of environmentally-sustainable practices;

WHEREAS, state government can be a model for environmental leadership by implementing pollution prevention and resource conservation programs that not only enhance environmental protection, but also save taxpayers' money through reduced material costs, waste disposal costs and utility bills;

WHEREAS, state government can foster markets for emerging environmental technologies and products, and promote a culture of environmental sensitivity;

WHEREAS, a program of environmental education, demonstration projects and technical assistance is needed to better inform each executive agency about the opportunities and benefits of pollution prevention and resource conservation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, George Ryan, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor, do hereby establish the Green Illinois Government Coordinating Council (hereinafter referred to as "Council").

1. Purpose of the Council. The purpose of the Council is to, cooperatively across executive agency jurisdictions, facilitate the incorporation of pollution prevention and resource conservation practices into government management and operations, including but not limited to source and waste reduction, energy efficiency, water conservation, recycling/reuse, green building design and environmentally-friendly purchasing.

2. Composition of the Council. The Council shall include the Directors of the following agencies or their designees: Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Natural Resources, Waste Management and Research Center, Department of Central Management Services, Department of Agriculture and Capital Development Board. The

Council shall be jointly chaired by the Directors of the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Central Management Services or their designees. The Environmental Protection Agency shall provide administrative support to the Council.

3. Responsibilities of the Council. The Council shall be responsible for the development of programs, plans and policies that prevent pollution and conserve natural resources throughout state government. The Council shall convene quarterly during the year and be responsible for the following:

- a. Review of state procurement guidelines and development of recommendations for increasing acquisition of recycled content products and incorporating other favorable environmental attributes into the state procurement process, consistent with price, performance, availability and safety considerations. Such environmental attributes may include but are not limited to energy efficiency, water conservation, toxics use reduction, conservation of natural resources and waste minimization.
- b. Creation of an incentives program that recognizes or rewards state employees for developing projects and/or work practices that achieve exemplary results in preventing pollution or conserving natural resources in government management or operations.
- c. Implementation of an environmentally-sustainable technologies and products demonstration program that tests the viability of incorporating innovative pollution prevention and resource conservation practices into government management and operations. The Council shall consider a broad range of environmental technologies and products in implementing the demonstration program, such as: energy and water conserving products; paints, cleaners, printing inks and other chemical items that have reduced pollutants; office paper reduction practices; installation of more efficient lighting systems; use of renewable energy technologies and fuels; landscaping techniques that minimize unnecessary water usage; alternatives to mercury-containing medical products and equipment; integrated pest management procedures; and use of reusable shipping containers. On or before September 1 of each year, the Council shall prepare an annual report that summarizes program accomplishments and identifies issues of future importance.
- d. Development of guidance materials to assist executive state agencies in identifying environmental impacts and evaluating practical actions to prevent pollution and conserve resources.
- e. Designation of a team of engineers and technical specialists to provide information, training and on-site consultation to executive agencies on pollution prevention and resource conservation opportunities.
- f. Creation of an educational program to help state employees understand the importance of environmental issues and the opportunities to use pollution prevention and resource conservation practices in daily decisions.
- g. Identification of sustainable and energy-efficient design criteria for new and renovated building space.

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4. Responsibilities of State Agencies.

a. Each executive agency shall form an internal committee to assess the environmental impacts of its activities and identify practical alternatives for, incorporating pollution prevention and resource conservation into agency management and operational practices. The committee shall consist of representatives from different departments and program areas, including purchasing, maintenance and facility management. A chairperson shall be appointed to coordinate committee activities and act as liaison to the Council.

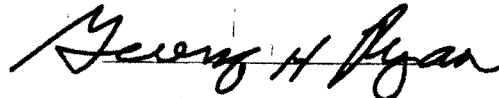
b. On or before March 1 of each year, each executive agency shall submit to the Council a list of any pollution prevention or resource conservation projects that were implemented in the previous calendar year. The Council shall assemble the individual agency projects and submit them, together with an executive summary, to the Governor before September 1 of each year.

c. All executive agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate fully with the Council and provide assistance and information as needed to carry out its functions effectively.

d. Independent agencies shall be invited to participate in the Council's efforts to foster pollution prevention and resource conservation practices throughout state government.

5. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.

6. Termination Date. This order shall remain in effect unless revised or rescinded by the Governor.



GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

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