**STATE OF [NAME OF STATE]  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE [ NAME OF STATE] FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS (FASD) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (“FASD”) are a range of effects that can occur in an individual who has been prenatally exposed to alcohol. Prenatal alcohol exposure (“PAE”) is the leading cause of preventable developmental disabilities, including over 400 co-occurring possible disease conditions, impacting the brain, vision, hearing, heart, circulation, digestion, and musculoskeletal and respiratory systems. FASD includes diagnoses such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), partial Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (pFAS), Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ARND), Static Encephalopathy – Alcohol Exposed (SE-AE), Neurobehavioral Disorders Associated with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (ND-PAE), and alcohol-related birth defects (ARBD).

**WHEREAS** more than [NUMBER] individuals per year are born prenatally exposed to alcohol in the [U.S. OR NAME OF STATE] regardless of geographic, ethnic, or socioeconomic status; and,

**WHEREAS** the estimated annual cost to the [U.S. or NAME OF STATE] for FASD is [ANNUAL COST]; and

**WHEREAS** [NAME OF STATE ] State Government has a significant interest in protecting the public health of its population; and,

**WHEREAS** [NAME OF STATE] has both the opportunity and the obligation to provide a constructive FASD informed response to preventing or substantially reducing prenatal alcohol exposure and supporting people born with prenatal alcohol exposure or diagnosed with FASD; and,

**WHEREAS** such a response necessarily requires the commitment and resources of all levels of government coupled with a firm partnership with the private sector to effectively prevent or substantially reduce prenatal alcohol exposure and provide support for individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol or diagnosed with FASD; and,

***WHEREAS*** *the national FASD Respect Act provides the authority for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide in the state’s application for grant funding the designation of a FASD State or Tribal Coordinator and a description of a state Advisory Committee for the development and implementation of a statewide or Tribal strategic plan to prevent FASD and provide for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their families;,* [CLAUSE TO USE AFTER ENACTMENT OF FASD RESPECT ACT]

***WHEREAS*** *federal, state and local stakeholders recommend that each state organize an FASD State Advisory Committee made up of key stakeholders to address the multiplicity of issues that transcend the singular responsibility of any one state agency; and* [CLAUSE TO USE BEFORE ENACTMENT OF FASD RESPECT ACT]

**WHEREAS** the need for an advisory and leadership mechanism is critical for an effective and publicly supported response to a very serious public health issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** [GOVERNOR’S NAME] , Governor of the State of [NAME OF STATE] , by the authority vested in me pursuant to the [NAME OF STATE ] Constitution and the laws of the State of [NAME OF STATE ], do hereby establish the [NAME OF STATE ] FASD Advisory Committee (“Committee”), for the purposes and duties set forth below.

**I.   PURPOSE:** The Committee shall provide the leadership required to recommend public policy to the Governor concerning the prevention or substantial reduction of prenatal alcohol exposure and the initiation, coordination, promotion, implementation, and evaluation of FASD services and activities in the state.

**II.  DUTIES:** The Committee shall:

A. Develop a statewide strategic plan to prevent or substantially reduce prenatal alcohol exposure and provide for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their families;

B. Provide guidance on the implementation of such plan by reviewing and commenting on grant proposals addressing prenatal alcohol and substance exposure and FASD-informed supports and interventions;

C. Identify existing Federal or State agency programs related to prenatal alcohol and substance exposure and FASD and making recommendations for the utilization and adaption of such programs to include prenatal alcohol screening and FASD-informed supports and interventions; and,

D. Review programs of state agencies that relate to prenatal alcohol or substance exposure and FASD, and coordinating such programs that are interdepartmental in nature pursuant to an interagency agreement, whenever feasible.

**III. ADMINISTRATION**: The Department of [LEAD AGENCY] shall provide administrative support to the Committee including the appointment of a [NAME OF STATE] FASD State Coordinator with knowledge and experience in the field of prenatal alcohol exposure and FASD. The Committee shall meet regularly at the call of its Chair to seek information and  discuss strategies to fulfill its purpose.

**III. COMPOSITION:** The FASD Advisory Committee shall consist of:

(1) State agency commissioners, or their senior level designee, of health, human services, corrections, public safety, employment and economic development, and education [ADD OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES AS NEEDED]; and,

(2) No more than [NUMBER] members from the public, representing health, education and justice professionals, service providers, tribal populations [ADD OTHERS AS NEEDED], and at least [NUMBER] individuals with FASD and their families.  The names and addresses of the members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, will be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State.

**IV. DURATION**: The Committee shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless extended by subsequent Executive Order.

This order is effective immediately.

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|  | GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of [ ], this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_.   [GOVERNOR’S NAME ] , Governor. |
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