

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
01-02**

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Social Services is created pursuant to Chapter 660, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Aging is created and established as a division of the Missouri Department of Social Services pursuant to Section 660.050 RSMo; charged with aiding, assisting and safeguarding the lives of the elderly and low-income disabled adults in this State; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Health is created pursuant to Chapter 192 RSMo, and charged with safeguarding the health of the people in this state; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Division of Aging from the Missouri Department of Social Services to the Missouri Department of Health will benefit the citizens of the state because many of the issues impacting Missouri's senior and disabled citizens are integrally related to health and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Division of Aging from the Missouri Department of Social Services to the Missouri Department of Health will allow Missouri's seniors and disabled citizens to receive information and critical services from one administrative agency of state government; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Division of Aging from the Missouri Department of Social Services to the Missouri Department of Health will result in better integration, closer coordination and communication regarding health, nutrition and social services for Missouri's seniors and disabled citizens that will enhance care and treatment and assure that services are provided in an expedient manner; and

WHEREAS, as part of the transfer of the Division of Aging from the Missouri Department of Social Services to the Missouri Department of Health, there will be created a deputy department director of senior services and an advisory board for senior services. Each will work directly to enhance and elevate programs for Missouri's seniors and disabled citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Aging and Department of Health Reorganization Plan of 2001 (attachment A) was not disapproved within sixty days of its submission to the First Regular Session of the 91st General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roger Wilson, Governor of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the state of Missouri, do hereby order the Missouri Department of Social Services and the Missouri Department of Health to cooperate:

1. To transfer all the authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Aging, by Type I, as defined under the Reorganization Act of 1974, to the Missouri Department of Health; and
2. To develop the mechanisms and processes necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Division of Aging to the Missouri Department of Health.
3. To implement all aspects of the Division of Aging and Department of Health Reorganization Plan of 2001 (attachment A).

This Order shall become effective no sooner than August 28, 2001 unless disapproved within sixty days of its submission to the First Regular Session of the 91st General Assembly, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Governor.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 5th day of January 2001.

Robert B. Wilson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Rebecca M. Dowell Cook
SECRETARY OF STATE