



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

December 21, 2023

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 297

EXTENDING THE ANDREA HARRIS EQUITY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued Exec. Order No. 143, 35 N.C. Reg. 10-19 (July 1, 2020), establishing the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force on June 4, 2020, and Exec. Order No. 268, 37 N.C. Reg. 435-439 (September 15, 2022), on August 17, 2022, re-establishing the body as the Andrea Harris Equity Task Force (“Task Force”); and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 268 expires on December 31, 2023, and the undersigned has determined that the Task Force must be further extended to continue its important work; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III § 1 of the North Carolina Constitution and N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 143A-4 and 143B-4, the Governor is the chief executive officer of the state and is responsible for formulating and administering the policies of the executive branch of state government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §147-12, the Governor has the authority and the duty to supervise the official conduct of all executive and ministerial officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in the undersigned as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Extension of Status Report Deadline

The deadline for the final status report from the Task Force is hereby extended. Section 1(B)(3) of Executive Order No. 268 shall be amended and restated as follows:

“The Andrea Harris Equity Task Force shall provide status reports on the progress and recommendations made in the focus areas determined by Section 1 of this Executive Order to the Office of the Governor on June 1, 2023, and August 30, 2024.”

Section 2. Extension of Executive Order No. 268 – Reestablishing the Andrea Harris Equity Task Force

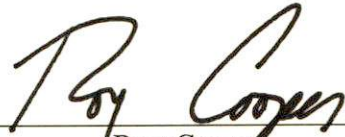
The term of the Task Force is hereby extended. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 268 shall be amended and restated as follows:

“This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until August 30, 2024, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, unless rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order.”

Section 3. Effect and Duration

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until August 30, 2024, or until rescinded or superseded by another applicable Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 21st day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

