WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has heretofore enacted House Bill 2196, Chapter 1014, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, codified at Article 6252-27, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes, to provide for the promotion by state departments, institutions, commissions and agencies of programs designed to encourage and create a condition of health fitness in state administrators and employees and to authorize the expenditure of available public funds for such programs, subject to prior program review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has heretofore enacted Senate Bill 545, Acts of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session, 1989, amending Article 6252-27, Section 5 to require that all state agency health fitness and education programs be approved in writing by the Texas Department of Health and that any plan or program which requires the expenditure of public funds also be approved by the governor or the governor’s designated representative; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of all approval procedures for employee health fitness and education programs within the Texas Department of Health would maximize the efficiency with which such agency programs are reviewed and approved, thereby facilitating the efforts of state agencies to implement programs which improve the productivity and well-being of state employees;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by Article 6252-27, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, do hereby designate the Commissioner of Health or his designated representative as the governor's representative for approving state agency health fitness and education programs which require the expenditure of public funds; and

FURTHER, that as my designated representative the Commissioner of Health shall cause the Texas Department of Health to develop procedures and promulgate rules regarding the approval in accordance with Article 6252-27 of state agency health fitness and education programs that require the expenditure of public funds, which shall give preference to programs with the following characteristics: programs with detailed, qualified program benefits which equal or exceed the estimates of program expenditures; programs which provide incentives for employee participation; and programs which match public funds with other funds.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and remain in full force and in effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 21st day of July, 1989.

[Signature]
Governor

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