

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

05-22

EXECUTIVE ORDER _____

FOR: CONTINUATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, engaging in regular physical activity, making proper dietary decisions, and avoiding harmful substances are essential components of public health; and

WHEREAS, decisions to the contrary greatly increase the risk of the development of health problems, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, respiratory problems, certain cancers, mental health problems, and osteoarthritis; and

WHEREAS, Hoosiers should be encouraged to develop healthy lifestyle habits at a young age and to continue them through their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, doing so leads to higher performance in school, work, and personal pursuits; and

WHEREAS, businesses prefer to employ a vibrant workforce, making a healthy population attractive to organizations looking to do business in and with Indiana; and

WHEREAS, direct and indirect costs related to inadequate physical activity place a significant burden on individuals, businesses, and the state; and

WHEREAS, Indiana has the environment and human resources to effect a significant positive change in the health of the population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports is reestablished and continued.
2. The Council shall coordinate and promote public programs, private initiatives, and public-private partnership efforts to promote physical activity and health in order to encourage healthy lifestyles for persons of all ages.
3. The Council shall recommend to the Governor guidelines, programs, and activities related to Hoosiers' participation in physical activity and sports.
4. The Council shall consist of no more than twenty-one (21) members to be appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. These members shall represent a diversity of interests related to health and fitness in Indiana. The commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health shall be an *ex officio* member of the Council.
5. Each member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. In the event of a vacancy arising on the Council for any reason, the Governor may, in his discretion, appoint a substitute member to serve the unexpired term. Members of the Council may be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred on Council business in accordance with state law and with the policies of the Department of Administration and the State Budget Agency.
6. The Governor may appoint to the Council an honorary chairperson for a term of two (2) years. An honorary chairperson may not vote on Council business.
7. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Council from among its members.
8. The Council may, by majority vote, form task forces when necessary to study and make recommendations regarding matters before the Council. Task force participants, who do not otherwise hold lucrative state offices, may be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred on Council business in accordance with state law and with the policies of the Department of Administration and the State Budget Agency.
9. The Council shall meet a least four (4) times per year and shall perform such other duties and carry out such other responsibilities as shall be requested by the Governor for the purpose of promoting public health and fitness initiatives.
10. Staff of the Office of the Governor or other state agencies may be assigned to assist the Council in carrying out its duties.

11. This Order is issued to be effective as of January 10, 2005.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 13th day of July, 2005.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. E. Daniels, Jr." written over a horizontal line.

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Rokita".

ATTEST: Todd Rokita
Secretary of State