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WHEREAS, state government is one of the largest owners and operators of buildings in Alabama and a major consumer of energy;

WHEREAS, the energy efficient operation of the state facilities should be a highly visible model for citizens, businesses, industries and local governments;

WHEREAS, state government and its employees can demonstrate leadership by incorporating energy efficient practices and behavior into daily and long term operations which will preserve natural resources, conserve energy and water, and reduce waste and pollution; and,

WHEREAS, immediate and ongoing actions by state departments and agencies will not only allow state agencies to meet any applicable federal requirements but can significantly reduce energy consumption and utility expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon these considerations, and for other good and valid reasons which relate thereto, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, do hereby order that all state departments and agencies shall encourage and promote the most efficient uses of energy and shall reduce wasteful, inefficient or uneconomical uses of resources in order to reduce their energy consumption as directed by thirty percent (30%) by Fiscal Year 2015 relative to Fiscal Year 2005 levels.

BE IT ORDERED that all state departments and agencies implement, through chief executive policy action, no cost energy efficiency practices, which will be outlined and distributed to state departments and agencies by the Department of Finance and the Department of Economic and Community Affairs-Energy Division.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all state departments and agencies implement the use of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager as a method of measuring and reporting energy efficiency for facilities. The Department of Economic and Community Affairs-Energy Division is directed to promote and train departments and agencies in the use of this free tracking software program. All state departments and agencies will ensure that, at a minimum, a primary and one alternate individual are trained on Portfolio Manager data maintenance and reporting. The departments and agencies are required to continually update this data so that quarterly reports required by the U.S. Department of Energy may be completed by the Department of Economic and Community Affairs-Energy Division.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all state departments and agencies designate an Energy Officer to be vested with the authority to study, investigate and recommend to the department/agency director energy saving procedures and practices in the department/agency, as well to review and verify that energy bills are correct and billed at the most advantageous rate for which the agency/facility/department is entitled. Each department and agency should provide contact information for the designated Energy Officer in writing to the Department of Economic and Community Affairs Energy Division as soon as practicable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all state departments and agencies shall employ the latest energy conservation practices in the design, construction, renovation, operation and maintenance of state facilities and when replacing or purchasing new equipment shall purchase ENERGY STAR labeled equipment whenever cost effective and consistent with applicable purchasing requirements.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that these departments and agencies are encouraged to investigate the feasibility of employing energy performance contracting for energy saving capital projects and employing them when favorable. Savings achieved from Energy Savings Performance Contracting projects shall be applied to cover the costs of the capitalization and services associated with the Energy Savings Performance Contracting project throughout its term.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Department of Finance and the Department of Economic and Community Affairs Energy-Energy Division are authorized and directed to provide technical assistance in implementing cost effective energy efficiency practices as needed by any and all departments and agencies.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the end of each Fiscal Year, the Energy Officer for each state department or agency shall submit a progress report on meeting the directives set forth in this Executive Order to the Department of Economic and Community Affairs-Energy Division, who will then submit a consolidated report to the Department of Finance and to the Governor's Office at the end of the calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon its execution and shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor.

DONE AND ORDERED this 15th day of November, 2011.

Robert Bentley
Governor

Attested

Beth Chapman
Secretary of State