

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE THE METHOD OF COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S EUGENICS BOARD

WHEREAS, an estimated 7,600 North Carolinians - women and men - many of whom were poor, undereducated, sick or disabled, were sterilized by force or coercion under the authorization of the North Carolina Eugenics Board between 1929 and 1974; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Eugenics Board was finally dissolved in 1974; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina on December 12, 2002, formally apologized to persons who were sterilized under the North Carolina Eugenics Board program; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly in 2003 repealed the law that allowed for involuntary sterilization; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly established panels to explore and make recommendations for compensating and counseling persons who were sterilized under the North Carolina Eugenics Board program; and

WHEREAS, it is now appropriate to identify persons who were sterilized by force or coercion and to explore and determine the possible methods and forms of compensation to those persons.

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

Section 1. Establishment

The Governor's Task Force to Determine the Method of Compensation for Victims of North Carolina's Eugenics Board (hereinafter the "Task Force") is hereby established.