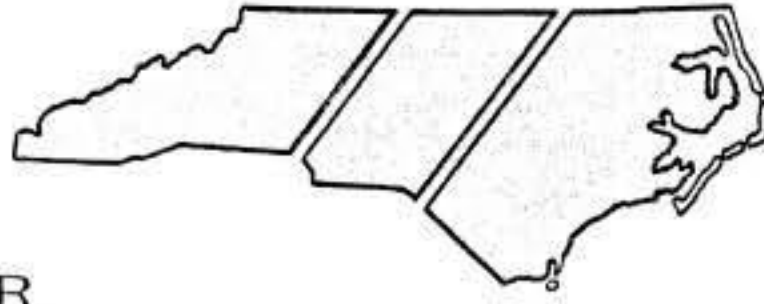


State of North Carolina



JAMES B. HUNT, JR.
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 48

WHEREAS, volunteers have dramatically increased and strengthened the ability of government agencies to carry out their programs, services, and activities for the benefit of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the practice of volunteering enables private citizens to enrich their lives and the lives of others through greater citizen awareness of and personal involvement in state government programs, services, and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Section 1. I hereby declare the policy of the State of North Carolina to be that every citizen, regardless of his or her present economic condition, political affiliation, religious affiliation, race, sex or age, has the opportunity to be a volunteer in state service. Every state agency is encouraged to involve volunteers to enrich and increase the agency's ability to deliver services, programs and activities for the citizens of this State.

Section 2. The following definitions are applicable to this Order:

- (a) "Agency" means any department, institution, commission; committee, board, division or bureau of the State of North Carolina;
- (b) "Volunteer" means any person who provides goods or services to any state agency of his or her own free will and for no financial gain.

Section 3. Each state agency is hereby authorized and encouraged to recruit, train and accept the services of qualified volunteers to assist in programs carried out or administered by the state agency or constituent unit thereof for the benefit of the people of