

NUMBER: 1012

TITLE: Resolution Adopting Executive Order Number Two (94), "Equal Opportunity"

APPROVED: June 20, 1990; Revised April 7, 1994

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the president, the Board of Visitors adopts as policy the Governor's Executive Order Number Two (94), "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY" as stated below:

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, I hereby declare that it is the firm and unwavering policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia to assure equal opportunity in all facets of state government.

This policy specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, or political affiliation, or against otherwise qualified persons with disabilities.

State appointing authorities and other management principals are hereby directed to take affirmative measures, as determined by the Director, Department of Personnel and Training, to emphasize the recruitment of qualified minorities, women, disabled persons, and older Virginians to serve at all levels of state government. This directive does not permit or require the lowering of bona fide job requirements, performance standards, or qualifications to give preference to any state employee or applicant for state employment.

Allegations of violations of this policy shall be brought to the attention of the Office of Equal Employment Services of the Department of Personnel and Training. No state appointing authority, other management principals, or supervisors shall take retaliatory actions against persons making such allegations.

Any state employee found in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The Secretary of Administration is directed to review annually state procurement, employment and other relevant policies for compliance with the non-discrimination mandate contained herein, and shall report to the Governor his findings together with such recommendations as he deems appropriate. The Director, Department of Personnel and Training shall assist in this review.

This Executive Order supersedes and rescinds Executive Order Number One (90), Equal Employment Opportunity, issued by Governor Lawrence Douglas Wilder on January 13, 1990. This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and will remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 15th day of January, 1994.

/s/ George F. Allen
Governor