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STATE OF TENNESSEE

# EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 25

## AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF ASSET SHARING PURSUANT TO 21 U.S.C. 888(e)

WHEREAS, since 1989, the Tennessee National Guard has provided assistance to the drug reduction and interdiction efforts of civilian law enforcement agencies in the State; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies are eligible to receive asset forfeiture proceeds obtained in successful drug related prosecutions; and

WHEREAS, presently, the Tennessee National Guard is not entitled to participate in the sharing of any assets recovered through its drug reduction and interdiction efforts, and therefore, its share of the proceeds is returned to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maximize the resources available, through asset sharing or otherwise, to enhance the Tennessee National Guard's drug demand reduction program and to provide equipment and training for the Tennessee National Guard so that it may assist civilian law enforcement agencies in their drug interdiction efforts

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Sundquist, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby order and direct that the Tennessee National Guard is a law enforcement agency for the limited purpose of receiving federal asset forfeiture proceeds, when the drug interdiction units of the Tennessee National Guard are:

- a.) not in federal service (as defined in Title 10 of the U.S. Code);
- b.) under the control of the Governor of Tennessee; and
- c.) acting as the sole state entity assisting the United States Customs Office for the purpose of carrying out drug interdiction and counter drug activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 2nd day of March, 2000.

Handwritten signature of Don Sundquist in black ink.  
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Riley C. Darnell in black ink.  
SECRETARY OF STATE

