

# THE GOVERNOR

## Title 4—ADMINISTRATION

### PART I. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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### Commonwealth Continuity of Government

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*Whereas*, the functions and services of the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are essential to the well being of all of Pennsylvania's citizens; and

*Whereas*, the safety and well being of all commonwealth employees and citizens are of the highest priority; and

*Whereas*, commonwealth investment in natural and personnel resources, systems, equipment and other assets is extensive and is the valued property of all Pennsylvanians; and

*Whereas*, there is a need to prevent, prepare for, rapidly respond to, and recover from emergency situations, whether resulting from natural causes or intentional acts; and

*Whereas*, there is a need to have an integrated approach for emergencies, including prevention, preparation, response, and recovery, among all commonwealth agencies; and

*Whereas*, all commonwealth agencies, as well as the legislature and the judiciary, must provide a well coordinated and prepared approach to ensure the effective continuation of government operations and the safety of individuals; and

*Whereas*, the Continuity of Government Office (Office) and the Commonwealth Continuity of Government Steering Committee (Steering Committee) shall work together to provide guidelines, oversight, and policy direction for improving Pennsylvania's continuity of government and operations.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws of the commonwealth, do hereby establish the Office and the Steering Committee, as set forth in this Executive Order, whose primary objectives are to coordinate and maintain commonwealth operations during emergencies and disruptions, by providing enterprise-wide guidelines, oversight, and policy direction.



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#### Annex A

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**§ 6.481. Mission.**

The mission of the Commonwealth Continuity of Government Steering Committee is to ensure the ability of the Commonwealth to continue to provide essential services during an emergency through its support of the Continuity of Government Office.

**§ 6.482. Responsibilities.**

The Commonwealth Continuity of Government Steering Committee shall do the following:

- (1) Assess the level of continuity of government preparedness among Commonwealth agencies.
- (2) Assess the ability of the executive, judicial and legislative branches to coordinate and continue the effective functioning of government during an emergency.
- (3) Approve and promote the annual priorities of the Continuity of Government Office (Office) for ensuring the coordination and maintenance of Commonwealth operations during emergencies and disruptions.
- (4) Provide guidelines, oversight and policy direction for improving continuity of government and operations by the Office.

**§ 6.483. Composition.**

The Commonwealth Continuity of Government Steering Committee (Steering Committee) shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The Secretary of Administration, who will serve as Chairperson of the Steering Committee.
- (2) The Secretary of General Services.
- (3) The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.
- (4) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.
- (5) The Director of the Continuity of Government Office.
- (6) The Chief Information Officer of the Office of Administration.
- (7) Other members as appointed by the Governor.

**§ 6.484. Relationship with other agencies.**

Commonwealth agencies, boards and commissions under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate fully with the Secretary of Administration, the Director of the Continuity of Government Office and the Commonwealth Continuity of Government Steering Committee.

**§ 6.485. Effective date.**

This subchapter takes effect immediately.

**§ 6.486. Rescission.**

Executive Order 2006-1 is rescinded.

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