

**STATE OF DELAWARE**



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT**

**RE: CHILD POVERTY**

WHEREAS, the rate of child poverty in Delaware has steadily increased in Delaware since 1991, at the same time that the national poverty rate has decreased; and

WHEREAS poverty is an indicator of future academic and social difficulties for children; and

WHEREAS the State of Delaware, in spite of its current budget restraints, can make better use of its existing resources in fighting the causes and effects of child poverty;

I, RUTH ANN MINNER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
HEREBY ORDER ON THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2002:

1. The Delaware Division of Revenue is directed to compile a plan by May 1, 2002 describing what steps it can implement using existing resources to ensure that Delawareans are maximizing use of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.
2. The Delaware State Housing Authority is directed to ensure that allocation plans for federal low-income housing tax credits prepared for all years after 2002 contain incentives for developers to create housing affordable for families living at or near the poverty line.

3. The Delaware Department of Education is directed to compile a specific proposal by May 1, 2002 to increase the percentage of eligible children who use the public schools' federally funded breakfast programs.



*Ruth Ann Minner*  
Governor

Attest:

*Harriet Smith Hudson*  
Secretary of State