

Rick Scott
GOVERNOR



Jesse Panuccio
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 18, 2013

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of Florida
Executive Office of the Governor
The Capitol, PL 05
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

In order to receive funding from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the State must submit an annual State Plan. Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires the Chief Executive Officer of each state to designate a state agency to act as the lead agency for the administration of LIHEAP. State law designates this responsibility to the Department of Economic Opportunity.

I respectfully request your designation of authority to sign the assurances and certifications required in the LIHEAP State Plan. The designation may be accomplished by signing the statement below.

If further information is required, please contact Mr. William B. Killingsworth, Director, Division of Community Development, at (850) 717-8435 or Ms. Paula Lemmo, Bureau Chief, at (850) 717-8470.

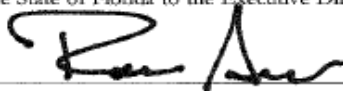
Sincerely,



Jesse Panuccio
Executive Director

Designation Statement

The Department of Economic Opportunity is designated by Section 409.508, Florida Statutes, as the state agency to administer the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, 42 U.S.C. s. 8621, *et seq.* Therefore, I delegate the authority to sign the LIHEAP assurances and certifications and to apply for and sign all grants, contracts, and other documentation and correspondence related to LIHEAP in the State of Florida to the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.



Rick Scott, Governor

7/24/2013

Date