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GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON OBESITY EPIDEMIC TO MEET

--Second meeting in Orlando--

Tallahassee -- Today, the Governor's Task Force on the Obesity Epidemic announced that it will hold its second meeting November 12, 2003, in Orlando. The Task Force, chaired by Dr. Zachariah P. Zachariah, will meet over the next two months to evaluate data and testimony to determine the extent of the problem in Florida and make recommendations on how to address obesity in our state. The Task Force will then present their findings and recommendations to Governor Bush, Speaker Byrd and Senate President King.

The second meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel Downtown Orlando, 400 West Livingston Street. Nutrition experts will address the Task Force on the epidemic of overweight and obesity among Florida's youth and adult populations. The meeting will also allow public comment time to give citizens the opportunity to address the Task Force.

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