DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Institutes of Health
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS, AND
DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Part N, National Institutes of Health, of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 61 FR 54451, October 18, 1996, and redesignated from Part HN as Part N at 60 FR 56605, November 9, 1995) is amended, as set forth below to rename the National Center for Human Genome Research (N4, formerly HN4) to the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and to amend its functional statement. Designating the Center as an Institute will enhance the organization's image as an NIH focal point for studying and understanding human genetic disease and allow the NHGRI to operate under the same legislative authorities as the other NIH research institutes.

Section N-B, Organizational and Functions, under the heading National Center for Human Genome Research (N4, formerly HN4), is revised as follows:

National Human Genome Research Institute (N4, formerly HN4). (1) Provides leadership for and formulates research goals and long-range plans to accomplish the mission of the Human Genome
Project, including the study of the ethical, legal, and social implications of human genome research; (2) fosters, conducts, supports, and administers research and research training programs in human genome research by means of grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and individual and institutional research training awards; (3) provides coordination for genome research, both nationally and internationally, and serves as a focal point within NIH and the Department of Health and Human Services for Federal interagency coordination, collaboration with industry and academia, and international cooperation; (4) plans, supports and administers intramural, collaborative and field research to study human genetic disease in its own laboratories, branches, and clinics; and (5) sponsors scientific meetings and symposia and collects and disseminates educational and informational materials related to human genome research to health professionals, the scientific community, industry, and the lay public.

This reorganization shall be effective January 14, 1997.

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