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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE STATE OF MAINE'S
COMMITMENT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE ON
RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, President Bush has announced the Presidential Initiative on Rural Development on January 22, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the President's Economic Policy Council has designated a standing committee titled the Economic Policy Council Working Group on Rural Development to serve as an overseer of rural development policy throughout federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Initiative established state rural development councils in eight pilot states; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has been designated as one of the eight pilot states; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is charged with a variety of responsibilities including the implementation of the terms of the Federal-State Rural Development Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the development of rural parts of Maine is critical in order to secure the prosperity and general well-being of the people of Maine; now

THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the following guidelines and goals for the involvement of the State of Maine in the Maine State Rural Development Council under the Presidential Initiative.

STATE AGENCIES TO BE INVOLVED:

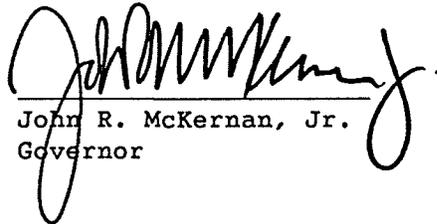
The Commissioners or Directors of the following State agencies will concern themselves with the issue of rural development and will become involved, to the extent practicable, with the affairs and activities of the Maine Rural Development Council:

Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
Department of Conservation
Department of Environmental Protection
Department of Education
Department of Economic and Community Development
Department of Labor
Department of Transportation
State Planning Office
Maine State Housing Authority
Finance Authority of Maine
Department of Marine Resources
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
Maine Vocational Technical College System
Division of Community Services
Department of Human Services

SCOPE OF INVOLVEMENT:

The state agencies listed above should provide support to the Maine Rural Development Council. Commissioners and Directors will exercise discretion as to the amount and types of resources devoted to the activities of the Council. However, the Commissioners and Directors and their staff are authorized to undertake the following: seek membership on the Maine Rural Development Council, provide requested resources and technical expertise to the Council as practical, support the Council's efforts through developing complementary program, continue to promote the objectives initiated under the Governor's Committee on Rural Development as amended by the Maine Development Council, and do any and all other things deemed appropriate and useful to support the goals of the Maine Rural Development Council.

The effective date of this Order is August 6, 1991.


John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor