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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

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INTERIM PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the One Hundred and Fifth Legislature, in Chapter 501 of the Public Laws, established a Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of this law is July 1, 1972; and

WHEREAS, upon this effective date, the Human Rights Commission should be in a position to meet its important statutory responsibilities at once ; and

WHEREAS, such readiness will require substantial planning in advance of July 1, 1972.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order and direct that the Interim Planning Committee for the Human Rights Commission shall be and hereby is created and established and it is further ordered and directed as follows:

1. Membership - The members of the Interim Planning Committee shall be:

Timothy P. Wilson, Chairman - Dexter  
Wayne Newall - Milltown  
Carolyn Dow - Bangor  
Phillips Bradley - Sargentville  
Father Clement Thibodeau - Alfred

2. Duties - The Committee shall carry out the following duties:

- a. The preparation of suggested rules and regulations to carry out the responsibilities of the Human Rights Commission created by the One Hundred and Fifth Legislature.
- b. The development of proposals for the creation of advisory agencies and conciliation councils to help the Commission with its work.

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- c. The development of guidelines for the handling of Commission hearings, including preliminary and general investigations by panels of commissioners and by the executive secretary.
  - d. The preparation of an inventory of private organizations and individuals whose services may be of value to the Commission.
  - e. The development of proposals for publications and reports which the Commission should periodically issue.
  - f. The establishment of suggested priorities which the Commission might follow in carrying out its investigative, conciliation, and civil enforcement responsibilities.
3. Organization - The Committee will, to an extent consistent with the other responsibilities of the State Planning Office, utilize staff of that Office in carrying out its planning responsibilities. In addition, as a result of the state's emergency employment application to the Department of Labor, the Committee will have available to it the services of two employees - one executive secretary, and one secretary. Other administrative expenses, apart from personnel, will be met with planning funds available through the State Planning Office. These expenses include travel costs incurred by members of the Committee in the performance of their duties.

The Committee should keep a complete record of its deliberations and periodically inform the Governor of its progress.

4. Authority - The Committee's basic authority extends to the planning responsibilities outlined in this order. In pursuing these responsibilities, the Committee may hold public hearings, consult with Human Rights Commissions from other states, and generally engage in those kinds of planning activities the Committee deems necessary and which are consistent with the funds specifically available to the Committee. All departments are directed to cooperate fully with the Committee as it fulfills its duties.

The Committee derives no authority from Public Law 501 of the 105th Legislature, that law not becoming effective until July 1, 1972.

Kenneth M. Curtis  
Governor