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THE GOVERNOR

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SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State of Maine is in a critical period of economic rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, such rebuilding can only be accomplished by the revitalization of small business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses make fundamental contributions to their neighborhoods, communities, state and country; and

WHEREAS, small business accounts for more than half of all private sector jobs and three-quarters of all new jobs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, 48% of the gross domestic product is attributable to small business; and

WHEREAS, small business produces 43% of the gross national product; and

WHEREAS, over half of all innovation originates from the small business community; and

WHEREAS, 98% of all Maine business enterprises are defined as small business; and

WHEREAS, small business nourishes the "American Dream" that one can own their own business, control their own destiny, and profit by their own effort; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Small Business Advisory Council was the foremost recommendation of the Blaine House Conference on Small Business;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish a Governor's Small Business Advisory Council. The Council shall advise and assist the Governor in the formulation of small business policy. In particular the Council shall advise and assist the Governor in the:

- a) analysis of State economic policies as they affect small business, and review and/or recommend legislation;
- b) promotion of fair representation of small business interests on study groups, advisory commissions, and task forces established by the Executive or Legislative branches;

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- c) review of proposed State rules and regulations with regard to their affect on small business;
- d) review of existing department rules and regulations at the time of legislative sunset review proceedings;
- e) organization of open meetings throughout the State to receive recommendations for improving the climate for small business in Maine;
- f) formulation and promotion of Statewide initiatives in support of formal entrepreneurial education, continuing and alternative education, management assistance, particularly to women business owners, and public awareness programs;
- g) analysis of transportation policy as it affects small business, attempting to improve the utilization of all modes of transportation to the mutual benefit of Maine's shippers, receivers, and carriers.

The Council shall be comprised of between 15 and 25 members, appointed by the Governor from recommendations received from the small business community. The Governor shall designate one member as chairperson of the Council.

Members must either own or manage a small business in Maine.


The Council membership shall reflect Maine's small businesses, regarding types of businesses, size of businesses, minorities and geographical representation.

Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a term of two years, with staggered expirations, such that one-half of the Council would be appointed each year. There shall be three non-voting ex-officio members of the Council: The Director of the State Development Office, the Commissioner of the Department of Business Regulation, and one other governmental representative appointed by the Governor.

The State Development Office shall provide staff assistance for the Council.

This Executive Order shall expire December 31, 1982.

Executive Order 16 FY 79/80 of June 13, 1980, entitled "Advisory Committee on Small Business is hereby rescinded and replaced by this Executive Order.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor