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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 6FY 81/82  
DATE December 29, 1981

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMY

WHEREAS, Washington County has the lowest per capita income of any County in Maine; and

WHEREAS, Washington County consistently has one of the highest unemployment rates in Maine; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has a high percentage of elderly people; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has a higher percentage of the population receiving some form of social assistance than any other county in Maine; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to address these problems in a comprehensive and coordinated manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish a Governor's Task Force on the Washington County Economy.

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be 22 voting members of the Task Force, all of which shall be residents of Washington County, and appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall name a Task Force Chairperson from among the voting members.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Task Force shall be:

1. To develop a strategy to improve economic opportunities for Washington County people.
2. To develop consensus and support among Washington County people and institutions for the Strategy Document.
3. To hold public hearings during the strategy development process.
4. To identify potential state and federal resources that could assist in implementing the strategy.

5. To present a final Strategy Document for the Governor's consideration on or before September 30, 1982.

#### ADMINISTRATION

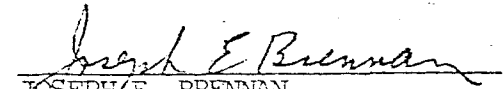
1. The Governor's Task Force on the Washington County Economy shall receive support from the Eastern Maine Development Corporation and a State Interagency Support Group.

##### Eastern Maine Development Corporation shall:

- a) Provide administrative and clerical support for the Task Force.
- b) Act as liaison between the Task Force and the Interagency Support Group.
- c) Provide policy direction, policy options, and issue identification leadership for the Task Force.

##### Interagency Support Group shall:

- a) Provide information and data to the Task Force as needed.
  - b) Act as a sounding board in reviewing the Task Force proposals before they reach the final recommendation stage to insure that recommendations are practical and capable of implementation.
  - c) Within the constraints of fiscal practicality, ensure that the resources of the State of Maine are available and utilized to implement the Strategy.
  - d) Act as an advocate on behalf of Washington County to secure whatever federal resources might be available to implement the Strategy.
2. This Executive Order shall terminate with the submission of the Strategy Document to the Governor.

  
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
Governor