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THE GOVERNORNO. 10 FY 83/84DATE March 29, 1984AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON WASHINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

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; and

WHEREAS, the original Governor's Task Force on the Washington County Economy has made recommendations to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations requests the Governor to appoint a Washington County Development Committee to maintain follow-through on the implementation of the original Task Force recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish a Governor's Advisory Committee on Washington County Development.

MEMBERSHIP

Voting members of the Advisory Committee shall be the Board of Directors of the Washington County Economic Development Corporation, incorporated in 1965 and recognized by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as the area's Overall Economic Development Planning (OEDP) Committee; the Washington County legislative delegation shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Advisory Committee shall be:

1. To refine and periodically update strategies to improve economic opportunities for Washington County people.

2. To continue to seek concensus and support among Washington County people and institutions for the strategies.
3. To continue to identify potential state and federal resources that could assist in implementing the strategies.
4. To maintain follow-through on the implementation of the original Task Force recommendations.
5. To meet annually with the Governor to appraise him of progress in implementing the strategies.

ADMINISTRATION

1. The Governor's Advisory Committee on Washington County Development shall receive support from the Eastern Maine Development Corporation and a State Interagency Support Group.
2. This Executive Order shall terminate December 31, 1986. Executive Order 6FY81/82 of December 29, 1981, entitled "An Order Establishing A Governor's Task Force on the Washington County Economy" is hereby rescinded and replaced by this Executive Order.



JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
GOVERNOR