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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER REVISING THE
GOVERNOR'S MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is a need for the various municipalities of the State of Maine and State Government to work closely together to seek solutions to common problems in a manner that will be most beneficial to the people of Maine, and

WHEREAS, both the Governor and the municipalities need to direct jointly their attention to a discussion of significant issues facing municipalities that will improve mutual understanding and make a foundation for more creative and practical responses to problems, and

WHEREAS, effective government can best be accomplished when the channels for communication between the various levels of government are fully open on a regular and organized basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby revise the GOVERNOR'S MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, the organization and function of which shall be as follows:

Purpose

The purpose of the Council is to enable members to voice effectively to the Governor the concerns of the municipalities they represent regarding a variety of matters which affect the quality of life in Maine communities and the future development of those communities. These concerns may arise from any quarter, such as, for example, legislative matters, the spending of public funds, or the responsiveness of government agencies and the policies those agencies adopt.

Membership

The Council shall be composed of 12 members. Of the 12 members, there shall be one each from the following six organizations: Maine Conference of Mayors, Maine Association of Assessing Officers, Maine Municipal Association, Maine Town and City Clerks Association, Maine

Town and City Managers Association, and Maine Association of Regional Councils. The Regional Council member shall be a municipal official from a council's governing board.

The six other members shall be named by the Governor.

The Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Association shall participate in an advisory capacity.

Officers

The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the Council. The vice-chairman and the secretary shall be elected by the Council from among its membership.

Terms of Members

The terms of each member, whether selected by the six organizations or appointed by the Governor, shall be from two years or until a successor is named.

In the case of a vacancy other than the expiration of a term, the appointment of a successor shall be made in like manner to that of the original appointee he or she replaces for the balance of the term.

Function and Duties of the Council

1. The Council shall advise the Governor on any matters which it feels have substantial impact on the desirable future development of Maine municipalities and the quality of life of those citizens potentially so affected.
2. The Council shall meet at the call of the chairman not less than four times a year.
3. The Council shall establish such other duties as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order.

Powers and Procedures

The Municipal Advisory Council shall have the necessary authority to fulfill the purposes of this Order.

Compensation

Members of the Council shall not receive any compensation for their participation.

Any necessary expenditures incurred by members in the performance of their duties on the Council shall be borne by their respective parent organizations or agencies.

The effective date of this Order is March 24, 1987. This Order supercedes Executive Order 11FY 78/79 (amended).



JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.
Governor