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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER CREATING THE
GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Administration to recognize that in order to promote overall economic well-being within the State, the diverse economic needs of all segments of Maine society require creative and comprehensive responses on the part of agencies of State government; and

WHEREAS, the primary State goal in developing and implementing specific economic policy measures executed by all Maine State Departments, as well as in allocating resources to fulfill such policy measures, is to promote economic health; and

WHEREAS, the enhancement of Maine's overall economy is an activity which transcends Maine State Department boundaries; and

WHEREAS, there is an appropriate role for select heads of State government bodies to encourage, promote, monitor and manage economic growth activities throughout the State of Maine in a comprehensive manner;

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

Purpose

The Governor's Economic Growth Council shall serve the Governor as an interdepartmental, cabinet-level policy and action group designed to address broad-based economic and

community development concerns. Economic issues which transcend traditional departmental boundaries shall be able to receive creative, integrated solutions within the framework of the Council.

The Council shall coordinate State government response to economic growth issues in a comprehensive and timely fashion. The Council shall consider economic growth issues in a context designed to promote the overall health and prosperity of the State of Maine. In addition, the Council shall serve as a catalyst for economic opportunities within the State and as an integrated resource of programs which promote balanced economic growth in all areas of the State.

Membership

The Governor's Economic Growth Council shall be comprised of 17 members, to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure, who shall consist of the following persons:

1. Commissioner of Agriculture;
2. Commissioner of Conservation;
3. Commissioner of Education and Cultural Services;
4. Commissioner of Environmental Protection;
5. Commissioner of Finance;
6. Commissioner of Human Services;
7. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
8. Commissioner of Labor;
9. Commissioner of Marine Resources;
10. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation;
11. Commissioner of Transportation;
12. Director of the State Development Office (or its successor organization, the Department of Economic and Community Development);
13. Director of the State Planning Office;
14. Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine;
15. President of the Maine Development Foundation;
16. Executive Director of the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System; and
17. Chancellor of the University of Maine System.

Officers

The Governor or his designee shall chair the Economic Growth Council.

Function and Duties of the Council

The Council shall develop, implement and monitor interdepartmental policy initiatives to encourage economic prosperity in the State of Maine. Such policy initiatives shall be assigned to staff members of the parent organizations of Council members for further study or implementation as deemed appropriate by the Governor and the Council.

Administration

The State Development Office, or its successor organization, the Department of Economic and Community Development, shall serve in a staff support capacity to the Council.

Meetings

The Council shall meet upon the call of the Governor or his designee.

Compensation

Members of the Governor's Economic Council shall serve without compensation. All necessary expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their duties on the Council which are allowed by State law shall be borne by their parent organizations.

Powers

The Council shall have the necessary authority to carry out the purpose of this Order.

This Executive Order shall be in effect as of August 13, 1987.


JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.
Governor