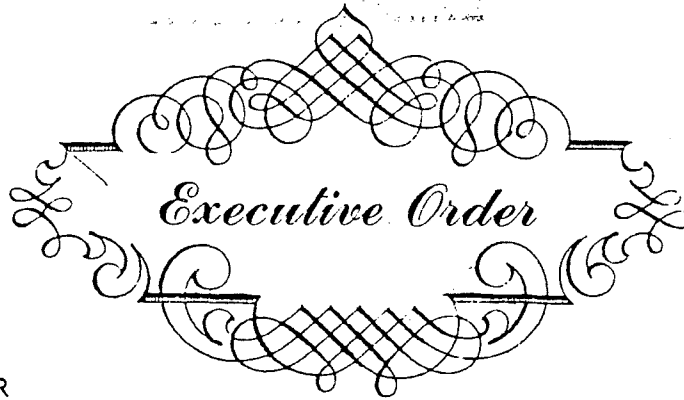


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AN ORDER CREATING
THE MAINE BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the economic health of the State of Maine depends upon the vitality of the private sector; and

WHEREAS, private sector businesses create 85% of all jobs in Maine; and

WHEREAS, government activities, conducted for the public good, are dependent upon the tax revenues provided by private sector businesses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to support of the tax base, Maine businessmen and businesswomen contribute substantially and in a direct manner to their neighborhoods, communities, State and country; and

WHEREAS, the policies and actions of Maine State Government have a direct impact on Maine businesses; and

WHEREAS, a working partnership between representatives of Maine businesses and the Governor's Office, which is based on a regular opportunity to conduct effective dialogue and to exhibit mutual commitment, is essential to the efficient and productive performance of Maine's economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Maine Business Advisory Council, the structure and function of which shall be as follows:

Purpose

The Council shall serve as a private sector resource to the Governor concerning issues and policies affecting the Maine business community and also shall act as the representative of private industry to the Governor in order to report on business issues and ideas.

The Council shall assist in nurturing business investment in Maine by identifying opportunities for business development as well as by actively recruiting new business ventures to the State.

The Council shall also serve to facilitate communication and mutual understanding between private sector businesses and State government.

Membership

The Council shall consist of not more than 25 members to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure.

The parent organizations of members shall represent the Maine business community as comprehensively as possible. Representation shall include, but not be limited to, such businesses as those which are already established in Maine, entrepreneurs, manufacturers, members of the natural resources industry and the services sector, and businesses categorized by geographic distribution, size, and minority-ownership.

Members of the Council must own or manage a business in the State of Maine.

Officers

The Governor shall appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman to serve for a one-year term each. Officers may be reappointed.

Administration

The Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide staff support to the Council.

The Council may organize such standing and ad hoc committees as the membership deems appropriate.

Terms of Members

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a term of two years, except for the initial appointees, half of whom shall serve for three years.

Each member shall serve until his successor is appointed. Selection shall be in a manner consistent with that of the original appointment.

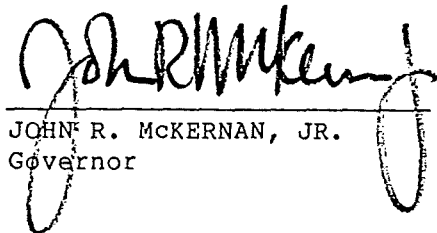
Meetings

The Council may meet on a bimonthly basis, with no more than six meetings in any one calendar year. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Compensation

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. Reimbursement of all necessary expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their duties on the Council which are allowed by State law shall be administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The effective date of this Order is September 24, 1987.



JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.
Governor