WHEREAS, many actions by the Federal Government and the State of Texas through legislation and regulation directly affect Texans living or working in the cities of Texas and their city governments.

WHEREAS, mayors are locally elected, are close to the people, and are able spokespersons for the cities and the citizens residing therein.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a meaningful communication mechanism between the cities and the Governor will promote an understanding of problems and issues and will facilitate their resolution through the proper cooperation and coordination of the activities of the office of the Governor and the Mayors of Texas.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a permanent advisory committee of mayors to have direct input to the Governor of Texas and to serve as a sounding board for his policies and programs will greatly assist both the Governor and Mayors throughout the state in the performance of their duties.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the highest elected officer of this state and is directed by constitution, statute, and tradition to be the chief spokesman for the State of Texas in dealing with the federal government.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the proper officer to receive input from and to coordinate state actions with the mayors of the cities of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish, the Mayors Advisory Committee to the Governor.

Said committee will consist of at least thirty mayors, designated by the Governor, broadly representative of each region of the state with a proper balance between cities of various sizes. Members will serve at the pleasure of the Governor for terms expiring on the first day of September of even numbered years. The Governor shall designate a chairman who shall hold such designation at the pleasure of the Governor.

Members will serve in a volunteer capacity without state pay and without state reimbursement for travel expenses.

Said committee is directed to meet at least once annually and other times as may be directed by the Chairman or the Governor.

Said committee shall, in addition to the agenda set by its Chairman, make such studies and reports as the Governor may from time to time request and shall keep the Governor and the other Mayors throughout Texas advised as to the committee's activities.
All state agencies in the Executive Department of Texas are hereby directed to assist fully the Mayors Committee in the performance of its duties.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 7th day of February, 1979.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. STRAKE, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE