CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO BE CALLED "TEXANS WAR AGAINST DRUGS" TO ASSIST THE GOVERNOR AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST THE DRUG TRAFFIC COMING INTO TEXAS

WHEREAS, the importation of narcotic and other drugs into Texas from Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico has created a major law enforcement crisis.

WHEREAS, the need for a coordinated attack on this drug traffic among the various law enforcement components at the local, state, and federal levels is imperative.

WHEREAS, the need for broad based citizen involvement from the private sector in educating the public and assisting the Governor and other state elected and appointed officials in attacking this drug problem is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish a citizens committee to be called "Texans War Against Drugs" to assist the Governor and law enforcement agencies in an all-out war against the drug traffic coming into Texas.

Texans War Against Drugs shall consist of 10 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve for a one-year term and at the pleasure of the Governor. From the Committee's membership the Governor shall from time to time designate a chairman who shall call and preside over the Committee's meetings.

The Committee is directed to meet frequently and to bring on line the considerable talents and experience of its members to assist the Governor and other appropriate law enforcement agencies in the state's war against the drug traffic.

The Committee is directed to study the situation and to make recommendations to the Governor on ways for the state to more effectively deal with the drug traffic. Such recommendations could include reorganization of state law enforcement agencies, additional interagency cooperative agreements, interstate compacts, enhanced efforts among state, local, and the federal governments, cooperative efforts with Mexico, and educational projects for citizens, businesses, local governments, and law enforcement agencies.

So that the vital work of the Committee proceeds with all deliberate speed, by this order I am directing all state agencies to cooperate with me to provide all available information and resources necessary to the Committee. The Criminal Justice Division will serve as the primary staff for the Committee.

The Committee is directed to frequently report to the Governor on its activities and to coordinate its fact finding activities closely with other law enforcement agencies.

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 16th day of April, 1979

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

ATTEST:

GEORGE W. STRAKE, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE

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