WHEREAS, the State of Texas is currently experiencing a period of rapid and dynamic growth; and

WHEREAS, this growth has caused significant changes in the economic, demographic, social, and cultural patterns in the State; and

WHEREAS, these factors have placed additional demands upon the economic and natural resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, the existing data and information base for State policy planning is incomplete and underutilized; and

WHEREAS, State government must be able to anticipate and identify critical issues so that long range solutions may be developed and implemented; and

WHEREAS, V.A.C.S., Article 4413 (32a) designates the Governor as the Chief Planning Officer of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the TEXAS 2000 PROJECT.

The objective of the TEXAS 2000 PROJECT shall be to:

1. identify and project changes in Texas' population, natural resources, economy and service infrastructure over the next twenty years,
2. develop and analyze alternative State policy response, and
3. propose solutions to long range problems.

In order to ensure a coordinated and integrated effort, there is hereby created a "TEXAS 2000 PROJECT Steering Committee." This advisory committee will be chaired by the Governor and shall consist of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and other members who shall be selected by the Governor. The members of the committee other than the Speaker and the Lt. Governor shall serve terms of one year and at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Steering Committee shall operate as a forum for the exchange of ideas relating to the TEXAS 2000 PROJECT, and shall include the following advisory duties:

1. review and comment on PROJECT work;
2. advise the Governor, as the committee's chairman, on matters he should consider assigning to the PROJECT staff;
3. advise the Governor on action he should take based on the PROJECT'S work; and
4. perform such other advisory duties relating to the PROJECT as may be assigned by the Governor.
The Governor's Office shall be responsible for providing staff support as necessary for the PROJECT and also for directing the staff activities.

This Executive Order shall be effective on the 4th day of April, 1980, and shall remain in effect until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 4th day of April, 1980.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

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