WHEREAS, the State of Texas is currently faced with a recurring problem of flooding in areas throughout the state.

WHEREAS, there exists a definite and immediate need for some means of accelerating progress on many of the various flood control problems which stand unresolved at this time; and

WHEREAS, local political subdivisions in Texas and their officials should receive all possible assistance in establishing preventive measures for flooding; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create an entity to review the flood control problems and coordinate the ideas and efforts of state and local officials along with other public and private individuals; and

WHEREAS, an Action Group, with a proper understanding of the flood control problems, would provide such function,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the GOVERNOR'S FLOOD CONTROL ACTION GROUP for the purpose of providing flood control assistance to state and local governments.

The GOVERNOR'S FLOOD CONTROL ACTION GROUP (ACTION GROUP) shall be composed of no more than 13 members, appointed by the Governor. In addition the Governor shall designate from the membership a chairman.

All members, including the chairman, shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The members of the ACTION GROUP shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The duties of the ACTION GROUP shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. To work for a local consensus supporting an appropriate flood control plan with respect to any area where such a plan has not been adopted.

2. To work toward the earliest possible beginning of the construction pursuant to a plan, especially by providing assistance in reducing delays in obtaining licenses, permits, and other necessary grants of permission from various governmental entities, with respect to any area where such assistance is needed, and

3. To advise me as to other flooding problems in Texas including suggested actions to be taken by me or state agencies.

The duties described above do not suggest that either the state or the ACTION GROUP can or should assume responsibility which appropriately belongs to local units of government.
The coordination of the GOVERNOR'S ACTION GROUP shall be centered in the Governor's Office.

All State Agencies, Boards, and Commissions are hereby directed to assist fully the GOVERNOR'S FLOOD CONTROL ACTION GROUP in addition to the Governor's Office and other staff support.

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 the 17th day of December, 1980.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

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