THE STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUSTIN, TEXAS

July ___, 1981
EXECUTIVE ORDER
WPC - 2B

Executive Order WPC-2A is amended as follows and shall be known as WPC-2A as Amended November 12, 1979.

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

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

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the War on Drugs Committee developed and presented five Anti-Drug bills to the 67th Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, S.B. 394, relating to prescription requirements under the Texas Controlled Substances Act and providing for a system of keeping such information; S.B. 396, relating to the revocation and suspension of licenses of persons in certain regulated professions convicted of drug-related offenses; H.B. 729, relating to the penalties for the delivery of a controlled substance to a minor; H.B. 730, relating to offenses and criminal penalties under the Texas Controlled Substances Act; and H.B. 733, relating to the crime and penalties for possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, have been signed into law.

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, hereinafter referred to as COMMITTEE.

The COMMITTEE shall consist of at least 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 charged with the following responsibilities:

a. examine in detail the drug situation in Texas and make recommendations on strategies for the state to more effectively deal with its drug traffic -- such recommendations could include reorganization of state law enforcement agencies, additional interagency cooperative agreements, interstate compacts, enhanced efforts among federal, state, and local governments, and cooperative agreements with Mexico;

b. oversee the progress and implementation of each of the five Anti-Drug measures and prepare a written report, on a quarterly basis, to the Governor on the progress achieved in implementation of the Anti-Drug bills;
c. monitor the nature and progress of various drug education programs sponsored by Texas' state agencies, such as the Texas Education Agency, Drug Abuse Prevention Division of the Texas Department of Community Affairs and the various drug educational projects sponsored by citizens, Texas' public school system, businesses, local governments, and law enforcement agencies;

d. advise and assist state and local agencies engaged in drug education programs in developing curricula and teaching materials and desirable length of courses;

e. advise and assist in the creation of local citizens' groups to combat use and traffic in illegal drugs; and

f. perform other duties as may be requested by the Governor.

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 staff of the Criminal Justice Division shall serve as coordinating staff to the COMMITTEE.

All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the COMMITTEE in the performance of its duties.

This amendment of WPC-2A shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this ___ day of __________, 1981.

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WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

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