ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON SMALL BUSINESS

WHEREAS, the prosperity and high standard of living enjoyed by the citizens of Texas is founded on the principle of free enterprise and increased development, expansion, and promotion of small businesses statewide; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has historically been a leader among the States in attracting and maintaining small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas should continue a deliberate course to encourage expansion and development of additional small businesses, related vocational instructions, and education of business graduates from its schools, universities, and colleges; and

WHEREAS, general support to encourage Texas' public schools and institutions of higher education to promote small business education is necessary; and

WHEREAS, Texas' population is expected to increase from 14.2 million in 1980 to approximately 22 million by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, 170,000 new employment opportunities must be created in Texas each year through the end of the century to meet the needs of a growing Texas population; and

WHEREAS, to effectively address the State's economic changes and potential for small business growth opportunities, Texas needs a coordinated state strategy to encourage and promote growth of small businesses and education, training, and retention of business graduates from Texas' public schools and institutions of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me do hereby create and establish the GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON SMALL BUSINESS, hereinafter referred to as TASK FORCE.

The TASK FORCE will consist of not more than 25 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve for two-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. The TASK FORCE shall be comprised of a broad representation from small businesses, institutions of higher education, labor, elected officials, and other interested citizens and organizations. The Governor shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the Governor.

The TASK FORCE is charged with the following responsibilities:

a. assist in maintaining and attracting additional small businesses to and within Texas;

b. investigate the opportunities available in Texas for small business development;

c. examine in detail state statutory laws and regulations which affect small business development;

d. identify areas in state statutory laws and regulations which act as barriers to small business development;
e. examine the role and scope of state agencies involved in small business development;

f. make recommendations to the Governor regarding necessary legislation or actions by the Governor’s Office which will aid in the encouragement of small businesses; and

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

On or before January 1, 1983, the TASK FORCE shall make a complete written report of its activities and recommendations to the Governor.

The TASK FORCE shall meet regularly at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall, with the consultation of the Governor, establish the agenda for TASK FORCE meetings.

The members of the TASK FORCE shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement for their travel and expenses.

All agencies of State and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the TASK FORCE 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 21st day of October, 1981.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

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