ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON STATE AVIATION POLICY

WHEREAS, the vastness of the State of Texas demands an efficient and comprehensive commercial air transportation system for its citizens, professionals, and air cargo; and

WHEREAS, Texas' commercial air transportation system has developed rapidly since the first air-mail service inaugural flight between Dallas-Ft. Worth and Chicago on May 12, 1926; and

WHEREAS, Texas' intrastate commercial air facilities include publicly and privately owned airports, farm and ranch airstrips for personal use, heliports, seaplane bases, airship ports, and glider ports; and

WHEREAS, the number of federal and state certified carriers serving Texas in recent years has increased dramatically; and

WHEREAS, for the public convenience and necessity, safety regulations are necessary to protect Texas' commercial air travelers; and

WHEREAS, to address the increased demand for intrastate commercial air travel, public airport facilities must be made available and operated in a safe manner; and

WHEREAS, to effectively address the demand by the State's citizens for efficient air transportation, Texas needs a coordinated state strategy to both assess and provide comprehensive intrastate and interstate air transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas is the highest elected Officer of this State and designated by law as the Chief Planner for the State.

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 STATE AVIATION POLICY, 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 Governor shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the membership who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the Governor.

The TASK FORCE is charged with the following responsibilities:

a. examine in detail the duties and responsibilities of each state agency involved in Texas' aeronautical regulation;

b. examine in detail the need for additional airports, intrastate and interstate routes, and commercial carriers to serve the needs of Texans;

c. examine in detail the Federal Aviation Administration's rules and regulations affecting Texas' intrastate and interstate aeronautical development;

d. assess and project the State's future aeronautical demands; and

e. 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 shall be responsible for their 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 2nd day of November, 1981.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor of Texas

Secretary of State