ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON UNDOCUMENTED MEXICAN WORKERS

WHEREAS, undocumented Mexican workers generally reside in the State of Texas for temporary periods of six months and then return to their native country; and

WHEREAS, the undocumented Mexican workers residing in Texas perform necessary functions and significantly contribute to Texas' favorable economic climate; and

WHEREAS, the undocumented Mexican workers residing in Texas must be afforded full protection of our laws and access to vital human services; and

WHEREAS, current available estimates are that the number of undocumented Mexican workers in Texas range from 600,000 to three million.

WHEREAS, in July, 1981, the Administration proposed a nationwide plan to legalize the immigration of foreign nationals into the United States including undocumented Mexican workers; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a systematic and accurate documentation profiling the number of illegal Mexican aliens residing in Texas, their origins, living conditions and future residence plans; and

WHEREAS, such documentation will enable Texas' state leadership to properly advise the Administration and Congress as to the scope of the illegal Mexican alien problem in Texas.

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 UNDOCUMENTED MEXICAN WORKERS, hereinafter referred to as TASK FORCE.

The TASK FORCE will consist of not more than 20 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. Develop and administer a survey instrument which identifies:
   1. the number of illegal Mexican aliens residing in Texas,
   2. family history of the illegal aliens,
   3. current living conditions,
   4. future residence plans in Texas,
   5. current wages received, and
   6. other relevant profile data.

b. Perform other duties as may be requested by the Governor.

On or before March 31, 1982, the TASK FORCE shall make a complete written report of its activities, findings, 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 5th day of November, 1981.

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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