WHEREAS, various federal grants and programs are available to assist Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, funds for energy-related assistance to Native Americans in the State of Texas are available under the Native American Restitutionary Program, established by the Oil Overcharge Restitutionary Act (Article 4413(56), Texas Revised Civil Statutes); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Indian Commission, which formerly provided assistance and support to Native Americans in this state, has been abolished by the Regular Session of the 71st Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans can benefit from these federal funds and programs and state assistance and support for these residents of our state is an important objective;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby direct the Texas Department of Human Services to assist our state Native American population in accessing federal funds and programs and to administer contracts on behalf of Texas Native Americans under the Native American Restitutionary Program.
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Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.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 July, 1989.

William F. Clements, Jr.
Governor

George P. Bayoud, Jr.
Secretary of State

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