EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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

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ESTABLISHING THE STATE AGENCY CENSUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the upcoming national census on April 1, 1990 marks the bicentennial of the Decennial Census; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 census will determine the allocation of the 435 congressional districts among the states, and be used in legislative redistricting activities in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 census will affect federal funding for the state of Texas throughout the next decade, given that thirty-five percent of all federal formula grant programs are allocated using direct census data, and that census data indirectly affects many other federal funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the undercount of Texas residents during the 1980 census has been estimated to be as high as 547,000, 396,000 of which are believed to be minorities; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding any future efforts by the United States Bureau of the Census to statistically adjust for this undercount, the 1990 census may not measurably decrease the overall undercount without substantial efforts to encourage all Texans to participate in the 1990 census; and
WHEREAS, a program designed to reach state employees and state agency clients would dramatically increase the public awareness of the importance of the 1990 census.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under authority granted to me by Article 4413(32a) to appoint interagency planning councils to coordinate joint planning efforts in the various functional areas of government for purposes requiring coordinated planning efforts, do hereby create and establish the STATE AGENCY CENSUS PLANNING COMMITTEE, hereinafter referred to as the SACPC.

The SACPC will consist of the Executive Directors of the following agencies, or their designated representatives:

- Texas Department of Commerce
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Office of the State Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Employment Commission
- Texas Employees Retirement System
- Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council
- Texas Department of Health
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- State Department of Highways and Public Transportation
- Texas Department of Human Services
- Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Rehabilitation Commission
- Office of the Secretary of State

The Executive Director of the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council shall serve as the Chairman of the SACPC and the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council shall serve as the lead agency on this committee and will organize and coordinate the activities of the SACPC, in cooperation with the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning. The State Data Center of the Texas Department of Commerce will assist as technical staff for the SACPC, as the State Data Center is the official liaison to the Bureau of the Census. The SACPC will meet at the call of the Chair.

The SACPC shall design and implement a program to increase census awareness among state employees and among state agencies' clients or service recipients. Within thirty days of its first meeting, the SACPC shall submit to the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning a list of goals and objectives for this project for approval by the Director of the Office of Budget and Planning.

SACPC member agencies and other state agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the SACPC in the performance of its duties. SACPC member agencies are hereby directed and authorized to make use of any agency appropriations for the purposes of this
project, insofar as such expenditures would be authorized under the appropriation authority granted by the Texas Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

Members of the SACPC serve without additional compensation or reimbursement of agency expenses incurred as part of service on the SACPC.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until September 1, 1990, or until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 12th day of December, 1989.

William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

George S. Bayoud, Jr.
Secretary of State