

Providing for the Establishment of a Governor's Task Force on Poverty

I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 of Minnesota's citizens are poor, and

WHEREAS, the causes which place a person or a family in poverty are usually multiple, reflective of racial discrimination, fixed incomes, age, poor health, limited mobility, employment barriers, and other related factors, and

WHEREAS, public policies and systemic policies directly affect the well-being of the poor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

 Creation of a Governor's Task Force on Poverty, consisting of 15 members, representative of a broad spectrum of Minnesota citizens and citizen groups.

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a. The Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Economic Security, is designated as my Representative on the Task Force.

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- b. The Commissioner, Department of Finance, and the Director, State Planning Agency, shall be ex-officio members and shall act as special resources to the Task Force.
- c. All departments and agencies shall make available to the Task Force, upon request, policy and public information related to programs where such affect the poor.
- d. Terms of the members shall be one year.

2. The purpose of the Task Force is to review existing state policies affecting the poverty populous, to recommend ways to correct the policies that have adverse effect upon them, and to propose to me directions to be taken in state policy development where positive or specific anti-poverty policies do not exist. The Minnesota Department of Economic Security shall provide 3. staff support and shall act as fiscal agent for the Task Force. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 4.07 and 7.09, and related statutes, the Task Force may apply for, accept, and utilize any public or private funds to fulfill its responsibilities under this order. The Department of Economic Security is designated as the lead agency and as such may, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 4.07, apply for, accept, and expend federal funds available to fulfill its responsibilities under this order.

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Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 4.035, this order shall be effective 15 days after its publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 4.035 or 15.0593.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this $\underline{\gamma}$ day of September, 1978.

Filed according to Law:

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Secretary of State

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