

# THE GOVERNOR

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## Executive Orders

THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR-AUSTIN, TEXAS, EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 98-01

RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE AS CHIEF LIAISON TO MEXICO AND THE BORDER REGION OF TEXAS

WHEREAS, Texas and Mexico are linked by geography, sharing a 1200-mile border, the longest border between any American state and Mexico;

WHEREAS, Texas and Mexico are linked by history, with significant portions of the land now comprising Texas having once been governed by Mexico;

WHEREAS, Texas and Mexico are linked by family ties, with approximately one quarter of Texans being of Hispanic origin, most of whom are Mexican decent;

WHEREAS, Texas and Mexico are linked by culture, with many Texans speaking Spanish, enjoying Mexican food and art, and celebrating Mexican holidays like Dies y Seis and Cinco de Mayo;

WHEREAS, Texas and Mexico are linked economically, with Mexico being Texas' principal trading partner and with Texas accounting for nearly half of all American trade with Mexico; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, Texas greatly values its relationship with Mexico and regards a friendly and cooperative relationship with Mexico as being of immense importance to Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby designate the Texas Secretary of State as

Chief Liaison to Mexico and the Border Region of Texas and charge the Secretary of duties that include, but are not limited to, the following:

Represent the Governor and the State of Texas at meetings and other events with Mexican and border leaders, and with the appropriate federal and other officials.

Arrange and facilitate meetings and other engagements between the Governor and Mexican leaders and between the Governor and border leaders.

Attend events related to Mexico and the border as appropriate or as requested.

Travel to Mexico to promote goodwill, tourism, trade, investment and other kinds of economic development as appropriate or as requested.

Otherwise to promote good relations between Texas and Mexico, and to resolve problems or explore opportunities relative to Texas and Mexico.

Any other activities incident to the foregoing or otherwise related thereto as appropriate or as requested.

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

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THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR-AUSTIN, TEXAS, EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 98-2  
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF A REGULATORY STATUTE

WHEREAS, a state of disaster has been declared for the State of Texas caused by the severe drought; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Disaster Proclamation was issued on July 3, 1998, and expanded and extended July 23, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 418.016 provide that the Governor may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions have resulting in depleted pasture forage and hay supplies; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of certain statutory requirements will allow farmers to access hay beyond a 150-mile radius without obtaining a commercial driver's license.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me and in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.016, do hereby suspend Texas Transportation Code Section 522.004(a)(1)(B) with the limitation that this suspension apply only to a vehicle used to transport hay.

This Executive Order shall terminate ninety (90) days for the date of signature.

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

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THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR-AUSTIN, TEXAS, EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 98-3  
RELATING TO THE CRIME STOPPERS ADVISORY COUNCIL