

Office of the Governor

Executive Orders

WPC-8

Establishing the Governor's Office for Volunteer Services; repealing and replacing Executive Order D.B. 22.

WHEREAS, it is a Texas tradition for neighbor to help neighbor by participation in volunteer community service; and

WHEREAS, the well-being and quality of life of the citizens of Texas can best be preserved and enhanced by active local civic involvement as opposed to governmentally financed programs; and

WHEREAS, the First Lady of Texas has historically and traditionally sought to accomplish the goals of volunteerism for Texas and has been the leader of such endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the citizenry of Texas should be encouraged, supported, and assisted in the pursuit of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, there exists the need to have an organization within Texas to promote the idea of volunteerism and civic involvement and to give direction and purpose to the volunteer organizations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, these functions were previously performed by the Texas Center for Volunteer Action as established by Executive Order D.B. 22.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby establish the Governor's Office for Volunteer Services and do hereby revoke, rescind, and repeal Executive Order D.B. 22.

The Governor's Office for Volunteer Services shall accede to and become successor to all the rights, duties, privileges, liabilities, and obligations of the Texas Center for Volunteer Action, and be entitled to recover all assets both tangible and intangible held previously in the name of the Texas Center for Volunteer Action.

The Governor's Office for Volunteer Services shall be charged with but not limited to the following functions and responsibilities:

- (1) to support, encourage, and assist volunteer efforts in the state;
- (2) to develop public awareness of its ability to solve problems through voluntary action;
- (3) to develop and expand the use of volunteers within state agencies and institutions to lessen the burdens of government;
- (4) to facilitate the sharing of resources, ideas, and information on volunteerism within and between public and private agencies;
- (5) to work with local communities to determine their needs and to mobilize local resources to meet those needs;
- (6) to promote public policies that enhance voluntary action.

The First Lady of Texas shall be the official spokesperson for this office and will work closely with the staff of this office in achieving its intended purposes.

All state agencies, boards, and commissions are hereby directed to assist fully the Governor's Office for Volunteer Services in addition to the Governor's Office aid and other staff support.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

WPC-9

Repealing Governor Preston Smith's executive order of December 7, 1971, which established the Special Advisory Council on Housing to the Texas Department of Community Affairs (repealing Executive Order DB-12) and dissolving the council.

WHEREAS, the Special Advisory Council on Housing to the Texas Department of Community Affairs was established in 1971 pursuant to authority granted to the governor to appoint special advisory councils to assist in basic policy formulation for the Texas Department of Community Affairs, (Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, Article 4413(201), Section 7); and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Special Advisory Council on Housing to the Texas Department of Community Affairs was increased by Executive Order DB-12, February 13, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Article 4413(201), Section 7, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, authorizes the governor to dissolve any special advisory councils to the department upon completion of their purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Special Advisory Council on Housing to the Texas Department of Community Affairs has performed its assigned tasks and has completed its intended purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby repeal the executive order of Governor Preston Smith, signed December 7, 1971, which established the Special Advisory Council on Housing to the Texas Department of Community Affairs, and Executive Order DB-12, signed by Governor Dolph Briscoe February 13, 1974.

This executive order shall be effective immediately.

WPC-10

Establishing the Texas State Drug Abuse Advisory Council; designating the Texas Department of Community Affairs to perform certain functions relating to the statewide problem of drug abuse; and Repealing Executive Order D.B. 1.

WHEREAS, the Federal Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (21 United States Code, Section 1101, et. seq.) makes available funding for drug abuse planning, treatment, and prevention activities to components of state government designated as the single state agency for purposes of that Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Community Affairs is designated as such single state agency, and is otherwise authorized to carry out a range of services relating to the drug abuse programs for Texas pursuant to state statute (Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, Article 4476-15, Section 5.11, 5.12); and,