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Establishing the Governor's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives

WHEREAS, private sector initiatives are the foundation upon which our free society is built; and
WHEREAS, the people of Texas have a heritage of the frontier spirit of neighbor helping neighbor; and
WHEREAS, the citizens of Texas possess boundless talents, energy, and resources which can be brought to bear upon community problems; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between the private sector and a government which is responsive to its citizens is the most effective vehicle for the solution of community problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives, hereinafter referred to as Task Force.

The Task Force will consist of not more than 30 members appointed by the governor who shall serve for no more than one-year terms at the pleasure of the governor. The governor shall designate a chairman from the membership who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Rita Clements shall serve as honorary cochairman. The Task Force shall be comprised of a broad representation from the private sector, governmental organizations and the volunteer community.

The Task Force will be charged with the following responsibilities:

- (1) to promote formation of community partnerships—private sector corporations working with local government—to address local needs;
- (2) to identify any government impediments to private sector initiatives and recommend incentives for increased involvement;
- (3) to create a program to recognize outstanding examples of private sector action and focus attention on those which could be replicated;
- (4) to work with the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives in applying successful examples of private sector initiatives to community problems in Texas;
- (5) to perform other duties as may be requested by the governor.

The Task Force shall meet at the call of the chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The chairman shall, in consultation with the governor, establish the agenda for Task Force meetings.

The Governor's Office for Volunteer Services shall serve as coordinating staff of the Task Force.

The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall be responsible for their expenses.

All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties.

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

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas