

# The Governor

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## Executive Orders

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Whereas, the year 1992 marks the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus; and

Whereas, the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission was established by Congress by Public Law 98-375 and charged with reporting to the Congress its recommendations for a comprehensive national commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyages of discovery in 1492; and

Whereas, the Commission's Report calls for commemorative programs and events which shall have a lasting impact on our educational and cultural life and which will provide for broad public participation; and

Whereas, one of the primary purposes of the celebratory events is to create a strengthened awareness of the common history and heritage of American peoples; and

Whereas, the Commission has encouraged state and city officials to plan state and local quincentenary programs and to establish Quincentenary Commissions in furtherance thereof; and

Whereas, the State of Texas wishes to participate in and contribute to this important celebratory event;

Now, Therefore, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Texas Jubilee Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

### I. Purpose

The Commission shall propose, evaluate, recommend and coordinate activities throughout the State of Texas which develop the themes recognized in the Quincentenary Jubilee Commission Report in commemoration of Columbus' discovery of the New World.

### II. Functions

A. The commission shall encourage development of projects which will increase knowledge and understanding of Columbus and his background and the importance of Columbus' voyages in the development of the modern world.

B. The Commission shall encourage development of projects which acknowledge the important impact which the diversity of settlers in this country has had on the development of our political, economic and cultural heritage.

C. The Commission shall encourage development of projects which recognize the diversity and resilience of native American peoples and acknowledge their contributions to American society and culture.

D. The Commission shall encourage development of projects which acknowledge the ethnic diversity, democratic accessibility and the ideals of a republican and constitutional government which are hallmarks of American societies and which have spread throughout the world.

E. The Commission shall encourage projects which reflect upon the legacy of Columbus' vision as evidence of the human ability to grow, learn and to seek new frontiers, with special emphasis on the potential benefits of the cooperative exploration of space.

F. The Commission shall encourage, coordinate, and publicize other celebratory activities of interested civic groups and cultural institutions which comport with the spirit of the report issued by the Quincentenary Jubilee Commission.

### III. Organization

A. The Commission shall consist of up to twelve members appointed by the Governor, including representatives of the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

B. The Governor shall designate the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

C. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of actual expenses.

D. The Commission shall serve at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

### IV. Reports

The Commission shall periodically submit to the Governor a schedule and an evaluation of proposed projects and recommend suggested projects for official recognition by the State of Texas.

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