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# The Governor

## Executive Orders MW-18

### *Joining the Southern Growth Policies Board.*

WHEREAS, Texas shares many geographical, economic, and social similarities with other southern states; and

WHEREAS, Texas has been invited to join with other southern states for joint study, analysis, and planning of policies, programs, and activities of common interest; and

WHEREAS, such cooperative planning for the development, conservation, and utilization of our human and natural resources on a regional basis offers an economically sound and sensible method of expanding the capabilities of the State of Texas without duplication of the efforts of the other southern states through the Southern Growth Policies Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark White, governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, hereby order that:

- (1) the State of Texas shall be a participant in and adhere to the Southern Growth Policies Agreement;
- (2) in accordance with the Agreement, I shall designate one citizen of the State of Texas as my alternate on the Southern Growth Policies Board and, in addition, four additional citizens of the State of Texas to serve on such board, one of whom shall be a member of the Texas Senate and one of whom shall be a member of the Texas House of Representatives. These members shall serve without compensation but shall receive reimbursement for expenses while attending meetings of the board at the rates of travel and per diem provided in the Appropriations Act for state employees;
- (3) Such staff support as may be required for Texas' participation in the Southern Growth Policies Agreement shall be provided by the governor's office staff;
- (4) Unless earlier rescinded or modified by me, or unless legislation shall earlier be enacted to supersede this order, this executive order shall remain in effect until September 1, 1985, to give the next regular session of the Texas Legislature the opportunity to consider whether it wishes to continue Texas' participation in the agreement and, if so, to enact appropriate legislation to make Texas a party thereto.

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Governor of Texas