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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

WHEREAS: The existence of the conditions that lead to the circumstances of poverty for too many citizens of the State of Minnesota continue to persist despite the efforts of many agencies; and

WHEREAS: Under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended, the establishment of a State agency is encouraged for the purpose of:

1. Providing technical assistance to communities and local agencies in developing and carrying out programs to fight the war on poverty
2. To assist in coordinating State activities related to the war on poverty
3. To advise and assist the National OEO Director in developing programs and procedures to promote the participation of State and State agencies in combating poverty.

WHEREAS: It would be beneficial to the State of Minnesota to establish and operate such an agency in an effort to prevent further extension of the conditions that lead to poverty, and to implement efforts and programs that will eliminate the conditions of poverty in the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That there is hereby affirmed the creation and existence of a Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to perform such role as is afforded that Office by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended.

IT IS FURTHER:

ORDERED: That the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity will be headed by a Director who will serve at the pleasure of, and report directly to the Governor. The Director will organize and operate the Office, to be placed in the Department of Public Welfare for record keeping purposes only,

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consistent with applicable State and Federal regulations. This Office will have the following responsibility and authority:

- A. To serve as a liaison between the Governor and Federally funded anti-poverty programs in the State, and to advise the Governor relative to his review and approval authority of program funding applications.
- B. To act as special advocate for the poor in State government by mobilizing State resources and coordinating efforts of all State agencies in an attempt to make the poverty programs more responsive to the needs and desires of the poor.
- C. To provide technical assistance, training and related services to communities, Community Action Agencies, grantees and potential grantees of Federal anti-poverty funds, and to monitor Federal Office of Economic Opportunity funded programs in accordance with State and Federal regulations.
- D. To provide information and assistance to the Governor, the State Legislature and other State agencies with the objective of developing programs and seeking legislation for the benefit of the poor.
- E. To apply for and accept grants from the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity in order to fulfill its mission. Also, to develop and conduct research and demonstration programs, funded by the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity and other sources, that will explore new and innovative methods and programs for assisting the poor.
- F. To develop full cooperation with the Office of Economic Opportunity at the National and Regional levels in order to maximize the total anti-poverty effort.

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IT IS FURTHER:

ORDERED: That all State departments and agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to the maximum extent possible, consistent with State laws and regulations. Departments and agencies are further directed to give high priority in their planning to programs dealing with poverty problems.

While many efforts of State government are already directed at improving the lives of our less advantaged citizens, there is still a need for greater emphasis in fighting the deeply rooted causes that perpetuate the conditions of poverty. Consequently, the Government of the State of Minnesota, working together with the Federal government and units of local governments, can and must marshal the resources and efforts necessary to eradicate the conditions of poverty from our midst.


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