

STATE OF MICHIGAN

JOHN ENGLER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 1991-25

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, this administration is committed to encouraging all citizens, organizations and institutions in Michigan to help in solving our most critical problems by volunteering their time, effort, energy and service; and

WHEREAS, the increasing demands for services and limited financial resources of the State have contributed to the need to call upon the energy, compassion, inventiveness and the entrepreneurial spirit of all citizens to help solve many of the problems facing their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this administration to discover and to encourage new community service leaders, to promote individuals, organizations and institutions that serve as outstanding examples of a commitment to serving others, and to convince all Michigan citizens that a successful life includes serving others; and

WHEREAS, significant issues facing the State can be addressed by the collaborative efforts of committed citizens volunteering their time and talents, volunteer centers, community organizations, business and labor groups and a host of other community and State agencies; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a commission would promote volunteerism through a "helping hands effort" in which the Governor and the First Lady of Michigan lend their personal support to volunteer organizations and local communities that identify cultural, educational and social programs in need of assistance or funding, as committed by the Governor in his State of the State message; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 101-610, the National and Community Service Act of 1990, was enacted to promote an ethic of civic responsibility to enable all Americans, and particularly young Americans, to make a substantial commitment to service resulting in an unprecedented level of citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the federal National and Community Service Act to build upon the existing organizational framework of federal, state and local agencies by increasing cooperation and expanding full-time and part-time service opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a system of federal grant programs for:

- (1) Students and Out-of-School Youth to Serve America;
- (2) Higher Education Innovative Projects for Community Service;
- (3) An American Conservation and Youth Corps;
- (4) National and Community Service; and
- (5) Innovative and Demonstration Programs and Projects; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this administration and of the National Act are facilitated by creation of an organization within the State of Michigan designed to promote these objectives and to secure available federal funds for the purposes indicated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby order the establishment of the Michigan Community Service Commission within the Department of Labor.

The Commission is charged with the following responsibilities:

- (1) Develop a coordinated, unified state plan in response to the National and Community Service Act of 1990;
- (2) Establish policies and procedures for the use of federal funds;
- (3) Develop initiatives to promote community service in coordination with existing programs.

The Commission shall be composed of 21 members who shall be appointed by the Governor, who shall designate the Chairperson of the Commission. The term of appointment shall be 3 years, except that of those initially appointed, 7 members shall be appointed to terms expiring on October 1, 1992; 7 members to terms expiring on October 1, 1993; and 7 members to terms expiring on October 1, 1994.

The Commission shall function indefinitely and shall provide the Governor with an annual report which describes its activities during the preceding year. Annual reports shall be submitted not later than 60 days after the close of each fiscal year.

The Commission shall have an executive director and such additional staff as may be required to carry out its mandate. The executive director of the Commission shall report directly to the Governor and to the Commission for the purpose of giving advice and making recommendations on programs and laws related to volunteerism and community service.

All state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the Commission in the performance of its responsibilities. The Commission may request, and state agencies and departments shall provide, such policy and technical information as is required by the Commission in the discharge of its responsibilities.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 2nd day of October, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One, and of the Commonwealth, One Hundred Fifty-Five.



John Engler

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Richard H. Austin

SECRETARY OF STATE