

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20  
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR JAMES B. HUNT, JR.  
WHICH ESTABLISHED THE NORTH CAROLINA HOME FURNISHING EXPORT  
COUNCIL

By the Power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

Executive Order 84, issued by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on August 24, 1995, is hereby amended such that the Executive Order regarding the North Carolina Home Furnishing Export Council now reads:

WHEREAS, an advisory body is needed to develop plans and programs to increase home furnishings exports from North Carolina companies into the global market; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina furniture companies and crafts workers create some of the finest furniture in the world; and

WHEREAS, the home furnishings market is becoming more globally-oriented;

Section 1. Establishment.

The North Carolina Home Furnishings Export Council (“Council”) is hereby established.

Section 2. Membership.

The Council shall consist of not more than 30 voting members, with the Governor and the Secretary of Commerce serving as ex-officio members. All voting members shall be from either

the public or private sector. All candidates shall have an established connection to a genuine interest in the export of home furnishing products produced in North Carolina. The Governor shall appoint a Chair from among the voting membership. All members serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Council shall meet at least twice a year at the call of the Chair.

Section 3. Duties of the Council.

The Council shall have the following duties:

- (a) Advise the Division of International Trade of the Department of Commerce on matters related to the exportation of home furnishings;
- (b) Serve as a liaison between the North Carolina export office and industry manufacturers; and
- (c) Discover and explore ways to increase the level of exportation of North Carolina's home furnishing products.

Section 4. Administration.

The Department of Commerce shall provide administrative and financial support for the Council. Members shall receive a per diem allowance for their service and reimbursement for travel and other expenses in accordance with state law, subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Special Membership Provisions for Furniture Industry Firms.

When a private sector member employed by a furniture industry firm is appointed to the Council, the international management official of that same firm shall also serve as a member of the Council. The furniture industry firm shall identify the individual within its operation that performs the function of international management official.

The international management official shall serve in an ex-officio, nonvoting capacity, except when the specifically appointed private sector member is absent from a meeting. When

the specifically appointed private sector member is absent from a meeting, the international management official shall serve as the proxy for that member and shall have the right to vote on matters coming before the Council at that meeting. When two individuals are members as a result of this arrangement, only the specifically appointed private sector member may claim the per diem allowed under this Order.

When a specifically appointed private sector member employed by a furniture industry firm ceases employment with that furniture industry firm, a vacancy shall be created on the Council and that firm's international management official shall cease to serve as an ex-officio nonvoting member.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

Done in Raleigh, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

**ATTEST:**

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Elaine F. Marshall  
Secretary of State