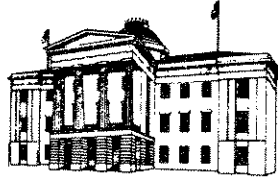


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85 GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISPANIC/LATINO AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino community plays a vital role in the economy of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has experienced a tremendous increase of Hispanic/Latino residents into the state; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino community is contributing to the economic development and progress of the state by working in different sectors of the labor market and by participating in civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, many unique challenges confront the Hispanic/Latino community as they attempt to access housing, health care, and employment services; and

WHEREAS, the state should promote and encourage collaboration and collaborative planning and delivery of services among state agencies that serve the Hispanic/Latino community.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Membership Composition

The Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is hereby established. It shall be composed of 15 voting members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. In addition to the 15 appointed members, the following or their designees shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members:

- a. The Secretary of the Department of Administration
- b. The Secretary of the Department of Commerce
- c. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services;

- d. The Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety;
- e. The Governor's Senior Advisor on Community Affairs;
- f. The Governor's Legal Counsel;
- g. The Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles; and
- h. The Chairman of the Employment Security Commission.

The following individuals, or their designees, are invited to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Advisory Council:

- a. The Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- b. The Commissioner of Labor;
- c. The Attorney General,
- d. The Superintendent of Public Instruction; and
- e. The Honorary Consul of Mexico.

Section 2. Meetings

The Advisory Council shall meet quarterly or at the call of the chair. The chair shall set the agenda for the Advisory Council's meetings. The Advisory Council may establish such committees or other working groups as are necessary to assist in performing its duties.

Section 3. Duties

The Advisory Council shall have the following duties:

- a. Advise the Governor on issues relating to the Hispanic/Latino community in North Carolina;
- b. Support state efforts toward the improvement of race and ethnic relations;
- c. Provide a forum for the discussion of issues concerning the Hispanic/Latino community in North Carolina;
- d. Promote cooperation and understanding between the Hispanic/Latino community, the general public, the state, federal, and local governments; and
- e. Perform other duties as directed by the Governor.

Section 4. Administration

Support staff for the Advisory Council shall be provided by the Governor's Office and other cabinet departments as directed by the Governor. Members shall serve without

compensation, but may receive reimbursement, contingent upon the availability of funds, for travel and subsistence in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes §§138-5, 138-6, and 120-3.1

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh, this the 7th day of September 2005.



Mike Easley

Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall

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Secretary of State