



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #36

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's
Rural Development Coordinating Council

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is committed to enhancing the economic development of all areas of the state and providing economic opportunities for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, rural areas of the State of Wisconsin face unique economic problems as well as economic opportunities associated with existing agricultural and resource based industries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is committed to supporting existing economic activities and businesses in rural areas as well as enhancing entrepreneurial activities designed to diversify and strengthen the rural economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute section 14.019, do hereby:

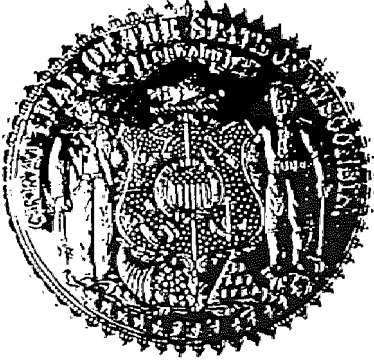
- (1) Create and appoint a Governor's Rural Development Coordinating Council to be chaired by the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Development. Members shall include and representation shall be requested of: the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, the State Director of the Board of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education or their designee, the Council of Regional Planning Organizations, the County Boards Association, the Towns Association, the Wisconsin Bankers Association, the U.S. Farmers Home Administration, the U.S. Economic Development Administration, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- (2) Direct, or request where appropriate, the Governor's Rural Development Coordinating Council to:
 - (a) Identify and recommend appropriate rural development strategies.
 - (b) Facilitate an inventory of existing state and federal rural development programs and resources.
 - (c) Identify ways to more effectively coordinate state and federal rural development programs.
 - (d) Coordinate joint rural development demonstration projects in selected areas throughout the state.
 - (e) Develop strategies to educate state and local elected officers, government officials, business people and citizens on rural development issues.
 - (f) Advise the Governor on future actions which should be taken to enhance the economic viability of rural Wisconsin as appropriate.

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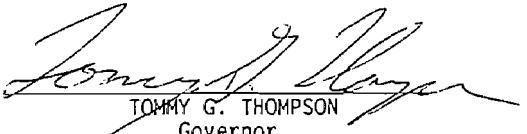
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- (3) Direct, or request where appropriate, the Coordinating Council to submit an interim report no later than October 1, 1988 and a final report no later than May 1, 1990.
- (4) Direct other state agencies to assist the Council in its work.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixteenth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State