

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has an obligation to promote equality of opportunity for all its people; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Spanish-speaking residents have faced particular difficulties in achieving equality of opportunity, and society has thereby been deprived of many of their potential contributions; and

WHEREAS, many Spanish-speaking residents of Wisconsin are not employed to the full extent of their capabilities; and problems in many areas, including education, law enforcement, job-related and other forms of discrimination, housing, social services and health care contribute to this underutilization of their talents; and

WHEREAS, an organizational framework is required to provide a mechanism by which the special concerns of Spanish-speaking people may be brought to the attention of state governmental leaders; and

WHEREAS, state government could benefit from the advice of people who are knowledgeable and experienced with regard to the impact of state policies on its Spanish-speaking minority and methods by which its service to these citizens could be improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 14.019, Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby establish

THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE

The council shall conduct a careful study of state laws and policies which are of special concern to Spanish-speaking people, identify particular problems and recommend measures which state government could appropriately take to alleviate them.

The council shall report to the Governor and may also make recommendations to the Legislature and state agencies.

In carrying out this mandate, the council shall consider recommendations developed by the 1971 Task Force on Spanish-speaking Affairs and the 1974 report on their implementation, as well as other state services which are especially important to Spanish-speaking people.

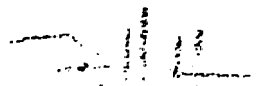
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Whenever appropriate, the council shall coordinate its activities with those of other agencies and committees, in order to prevent any duplication of effort in areas of mutual concern.

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 thirtieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.


PATRICK J. LUCEY
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State