

STATE DOCUMENT

The State of Wisconsin



Executive Order #307

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Stewardship Program

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's natural resources have always been important to the social, economic and cultural welfare of the state; and

WHEREAS, the State's natural resources must be preserved and protected for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program has played a substantial role in preserving, protecting and providing opportunities for enjoyment of these resources for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program will expire June 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin must continue to secure opportunities for future generations to enjoy, protect and preserve the natural resources of the state;

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 Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Stewardship Program (hereinafter the "Task Force") to evaluate the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program and propose alternatives for the future of this program; and
2. Provide that the Task Force shall consist of not more than twenty-five (25) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and that the Governor shall designate one (1) member as chair to serve in this capacity at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Require the Task Force to prepare and submit a report to the Governor detailing its findings and proposing alternatives for the continuation of the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program, or the creation of a similar program; and
4. Require the Task Force to address and consider the following issues:
  - a. The effectiveness of the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program in preserving, protecting and providing opportunities for enjoyment of Wisconsin's natural resources; and

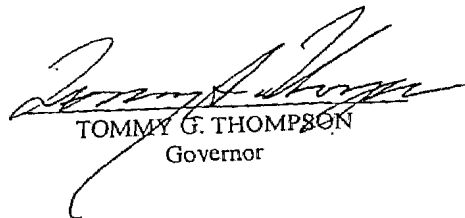
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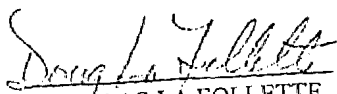
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- b. Identification of long-term natural resources needs; and
  - c. Funding alternatives for a stewardship program; and
  - d. Enhancement of the State's agricultural and rural economies; and
  - e. The role of local governments in achieving Wisconsin's natural resources objectives; and
  - f. The role of land trust partnerships; and
  - g. The role, if any, of a stewardship program in local land use decision making; and
5. Require the Task Force to submit its final report to the Governor not later than July 1, 1998; and
  6. Direct the University of Wisconsin System and other state agencies to provide assistance to the task force at the request of the chair; and
  7. Direct the Department of Natural Resources to provide staff assistance to the Task Force; and
  8. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Task Force with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with Section 20.505 (3) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
  9. Provide that the Task Force shall dissolve when its final report is accepted by the Governor.

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 fourteenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

