

EXECUTIVE ORDER #15

Creating the Governor's  
Council on Biotechnology

WHEREAS, recent advances in the field of biotechnology, genetic engineering and related sciences have opened potentially vast opportunities to benefit the citizens of our state, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is already a leader in the field, having over 100 companies involved in this science and new industry as well as having one of the largest concentrations of university biotechnology researchers in the country, and perhaps in the world; and, indeed, is the home of the University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center; and

WHEREAS, biotechnology offers opportunities for significant economic development in Wisconsin to make this state known as the world's center of biotechnology research, development, and marketing;

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

1. Establish and create THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BIOTECHNOLOGY.
2. Provide that the Council shall consist of members appointed by the Governor.
3. Provide that the membership of the Council shall include the Secretaries of the Department of Development, the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection or their designees; a representative of Forward Wisconsin, Inc.; persons having technical and business expertise in the field of biotechnology, its marketing and public relations; and faculty members from public and private higher educational institutions.
4. Provide that the Chairman of the Council be appointed by the Governor.
5. Provide that all members of the Council, and its Chairman, serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
6. Direct the Council to:
  - a. advise the Governor on issues related to biotechnology and make recommendations where appropriate, and identify, develop and recommend strategies to assist in advancing biotechnology as an opportunity for economic development in this state.

In carrying out this function, the Council, shall address the following areas:

- (i) framework, foundation and incentives for business and economic development;
- (ii) public education;
- (iii) public policy issues;
- (iv) marketing, and
- (v) funding alternatives for programs the Council might recommend.


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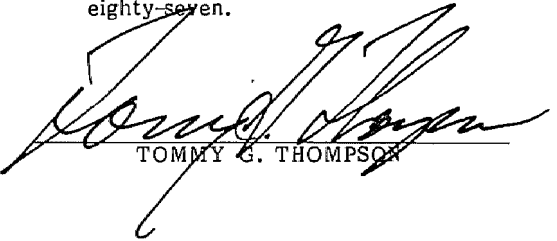
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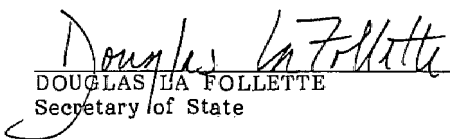
- b. work closely with the UW Biotechnology Center on technical and other matters related to the field;
- c. perform other functions as may be appropriate and as directed by the Governor.
7. Direct that the departments and agencies of state government cooperate with and assist the Council in carrying out its duties.
8. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Development to provide staff support resources as appropriate for the functioning of the Council.



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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven.

  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State