

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22

WHEREAS, the American people have historically extended a helping hand whenever citizens from other countries have come to settle here;

WHEREAS, the contributions of past generations have helped to build a strong and rich cultural and economic basis for the growth of this nation and state;

WHEREAS, thousands of Indochinese refugees have recently entered the United States seeking to begin a new life;

WHEREAS, due to the unique relationship these people have had with the U.S. government, special resources have been made available by the Congress to facilitate their attainment of self-sufficiency and their adjustment to our culture;

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin wishes to assist these new residents in their efforts to become independent and productive citizens;

WHEREAS, voluntary organizations in Wisconsin, who are doing an excellent job of locating sponsors and providing services to refugees, need assistance in coordinating their efforts with those of state and local agencies;

WHEREAS, the need for rapid settlement of new Indochinese immigrants creates an immediate and long-term demand for information and services which the state can provide;

WHEREAS, it has always been in the best tradition of this state and country to help others with a greater need, even when many Wisconsin citizens are burdened by the financial stresses resulting from economic hardships;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, DO HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT:

- 1) THAT the Wisconsin Resettlement Assistance Office be established within the Division of Emergency Government. This office shall:
  - A. provide information and coordination services for voluntary resettlement organizations, refugees, sponsors, state agencies and interested parties;
  - B. promote public support to assist in the resettlement effort and the attraction of potential sponsors;
  - C. establish a central telephone number and information service for refugees, actual and potential sponsors and voluntary and state agencies;

- D. print and circulate a bilingual newsletter providing interested parties with information on services, activities, and program requirements which affect the resettlement program;
- E. coordinate the efforts of other state and local agencies in providing appropriate education and emergency employment, food, shelter, and health assistance to refugees in those instances where these services are necessary;
- F. provide other aid and assistance as is necessary and proper to implement the intent of this order.

2) THAT all state agencies shall cooperate with the Wisconsin Resettlement Assistance Office in providing all necessary information and assistance and shall endeavor, through their existing service programs, to help new refugees in all practical ways.

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 twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.



*Patrick J. Lucey*  
 PATRICK J. LUCEY  
 GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas W. Follette*  
 DOUGLAS W. FOLLETTE  
 Secretary of State