

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18

WHEREAS, United States Public Law 19516, the Federal Environmental Education Act, recognizes the critical need for developing programs for environmental education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is firmly committed to protect and improve the environment and the quality of life through the furtherance of state programs to restore, preserve, and enhance the environment in the State; and

WHEREAS, a concerted effort to educate and inform the citizens of Wisconsin is vital to the quality of life in this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby created the WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COUNCIL and charge the Council to develop a state plan for environmental education, to provide technical assistance to state and local agencies and citizen groups in the development of environmental education programs, to assist in the broad coordination of environmental education activities in Wisconsin, to expend and distribute funds allocated to the Council, to implement other environmental education activities required by Wisconsin Statutes and to recommend such changes in the Wisconsin Statutes with respect to environmental education as the public interest may require. The Council shall consist of the head (or his designated alternate) of the state agencies assigned environmental education responsibilities under the Wisconsin Statutes: presently the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, the President of the University of Wisconsin, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin State Universities, and the Director of the State Board of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. The

Director of the Education Communications Board, or his designated representative, shall also be a member. The Council shall appoint a fulltime Executive Secretary, who shall be a voting member of the Council. The Council shall annually elect a chairman. The Council is directed to submit its plan annually to the Governor beginning January 1, 1972 accompanied by a report of its past activities and accomplishments.

The Council is directed to appoint a broadly representative Advisory Committee consisting of not more than 15 persons selected from public and private life with due regard to their fitness, knowledge, and experience in activities as they relate to our society and affect our environment. The members of Advisory Committee shall serve for a three year term; provided, that of those first appointed, one-third shall be appointed for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years. Thereafter, the Council shall appoint members for a three year term. Committee members may be reappointed by the Council to serve an additional term or terms. The members of the Advisory Committee may be compensated for authorized expenses.

In furtherance of the purposes of this order, state agencies are directed, within their fiscal capabilities, to make appropriate resources available to the Council upon request.

The first meeting of the Environmental Education Council will be held three weeks after the date of this Executive Order.

hereunto

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 tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred and seventy-one.

/s/ Patrick J. Lucan