



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER 103

WHEREAS, the six Wisconsin Chippewa Tribes in 1837 and 1842 entered into treaties with the United States Government retaining rights to hunt, fish and gather on certain off-reservation lands ceded to the federal government,

WHEREAS, ~~the~~ those rights have been affirmed and the Tribes have exercised them in a limited manner in conformance with federal court decisions and

WHEREAS, concern about the social, economic and biological impacts of the exercise of the treaty rights has increased tensions between Indians and non-Indians in northern Wisconsin and,

WHEREAS, all citizens of the state share responsibility for resolving concerns about the exercise of treaty rights, improving relations, communications and understanding between Indians and non-Indians and addressing the economic and social needs of northern Wisconsin,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony S. Earl, Governor of Wisconsin, by my authority under the Constitution and Wis. Stats. § 14.019, do order:

1. There is created a Commission for Indian and Non-Indian Cooperation, comprising 16 members, appointed by the Governor to represent the diversity of interests in Indian and non-Indian relations.
2. The Governor will designate co-chairs of the Commission, one Indian and one non-Indian.
3. The Commission shall act by consensus of its members and, fully recognizing the legal status of the treaties, shall review alternatives for resolving concerns about the exercise of treaty rights, improving understanding between Indians and non-Indians and addressing the economic and social needs of the region.
4. The Commission shall report its findings to the Governor by January 15, 1987 and shall report periodically after that date as it deems necessary, but at least annually.
5. There is created to assist the Commission a Technical Advisory Group of representatives of appropriate state and tribal agencies, designated by the agencies upon request of the Governor.
6. The state shall provide administrative support to the Commission and seek cooperation in administrative support from tribal agencies.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed at the Capitol in Madison this day, June 20, 1986.

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Anthony S. Earl, Governor

By the Governor

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Douglas La Follette  
Secretary of State