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Relating to Creation of the Housing Policy Task Force

WHEREAS, for many low- and moderate-income persons in Wisconsin finding adequate and affordable housing is becoming increasingly difficult; and

WHEREAS, despite overall improvement in the economy and steadily increasing construction levels, there are still too few quality, affordable housing units in many parts of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, many of the state's existing housing grant and loan programs are underutilized either because potential applicants lack the technical knowledge to apply for funding or because potential applicants do not know such programs exist; and

WHEREAS, at least nine state agencies and six federal agencies are involved in regulation of housing or home ownership and rental assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, prior to creation of the Division of Housing within the Department of Administration in 1989 Act 31, no state agency was designated to give overall focus to state housing policy;

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 Wisconsin Statute section 14.019, do hereby:

- 1. Establish the Housing Policy Task Force to:
 - * identify existing programs and activities related to housing which are administered by state agencies and state authorities;
 - * provide findings and recommendations about whether any of the programs or activities identified should be consolidated in the newly created Division of Housing within the Department of Administration.
- Direct the Housing Policy Task Force, in its development of findings and recommendations, to examine:
 - fragmentation of state housing operations and the effects of this, both positive and negative, on the public and state government;
 - improvements in efficiency and effectiveness which could be gained by consolidation of current state housing programs;
 - * the future role of the State Division of Housing with respect to current state housing programs.

- 3. Membership of the Housing Policy Task Force shall consist of:
 - * One member of the Senate, recommended by the Senate President, and appointed by the Governor;
 - One member of the Senate, recommended by the Senate Minority Leader, and appointed by the Governor;
 - One member of the Assembly, recommended by the Speaker of the Assembly, and appointed by the Governor;
 - One member of the Assembly, recommended by the Assembly Minority Leader, and appointed by the Governor;
 - * Six public members to be appointed by the Governor.
- Direct that the chairman of the Task Force be appointed by the Governor.
- Direct the Task Force to present to the Governor a written report of its findings and recommendations by December 31, 1990.
- Direct the Administrator of the Division of Housing, Department of Administration to provide staff resources and pay the expenses of the Task Force.
- Direct state agencies and authorities with housing-related programs or activities to cooperate fully with the Housing Policy Task Force and designate an agency liaison to the Task Force, if requested.

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 ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety.

TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS TA FOLLETTE Secretary of State