

Executive Order #289

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## Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on 21st Century Jobs

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has enjoyed unprecedented economic success during the past decade; and

WHEREAS, technological progress and the imperatives of a global economy have mandated a change in the skill profile of the labor force; and

WHEREAS, the computer has reshaped the work place to a degree not anticipated by the Strategic Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, the success of Welfare Reform will require continued growth of job opportunities into the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin must be aggressive and competitive in attracting and keeping high tech jobs;

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 Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

- 1) Create the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on 21st Century Jobs (hereinafter the "Commission") to study and propose private and public sector initiatives to strengthen Wisconsin's long term economic future; and
- 2) Provide that the Commission shall consist of not more than twenty-five members appointed by the Governor and that the Governor shall designate one member as chair; and
- 3) Require the Commission to prepare and submit to the Governor a report detailing its findings and proposing private and public sector initiatives; and
- 4) Require the Commission to examine, inter alia, the State of Wisconsin's economy, changes necessary to make Wisconsin jobs competitive in the 21st Century, review state tax and regulatory structures as such structures relate to high technology and

manufacturing jobs, study the role the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System and Wisconsin's 21 private colleges and universities can play in job development, and examine methods of insuring that job growth is successful in all geographic areas of the State; and

- 5) Require the Commission to submit its final report to the Governor not later than December 31, 1996; and
- 6) Require the Commission to disband upon the Governor's acceptance of the Commission's final report.



## 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 first day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State