

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

WHEREAS, there are eleven federally recognized Tribal governments located within the State of Wisconsin, each retaining attributes of sovereignty, authority for self-government within their territories and over their citizens; and

WHEREAS, our Nation, over the course of two centuries has dealt with American Indian tribes through the application of international common law, negotiation of treaties, and constitutional interpretation of law, each recognizing the special government-to-government relationship as the basis for existence; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has consistently upheld this unique political relationship developed between Indian tribes and the United States government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin was established in 1848 with a continuous vested interest in service to all of its citizens regardless of specific jurisdiction, ethnic or cultural background, religious affiliation or sex; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all units of government, federal, tribal, state and local to recognize the pluralistic diversity of our government and society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY S. EARL, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, order my administration, state agencies and secretaries to work in a spirit of cooperation with the goals and aspirations of American Indian Tribal Governments, to seek out a mutual atmosphere of education, understanding and trust with the highest level of tribal government leaders.

AND, FURTHERMORE, all State agencies shall recognize this unique relationship based on treaties and law and shall recognize the tribal judicial systems and their decisions and all those endeavors designed to elevate the social and political living conditions of their citizens to the benefit of all.

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 13th day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.



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ANTHONY S. EARL

By the Governor:

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