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EXECUTIVE ORDER #45

Relating to the Creation of the
Governor's Commission on Taliesin

WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright was a prominent figure in the history of the State of Wisconsin and the father of modern architecture; and

WHEREAS, Taliesin, Frank Lloyd Wright's Spring Green properties, is a valued historical landmark and an architectural masterpiece, the preservation of which is vital to maintaining the future vision of Frank Lloyd Wright;

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:

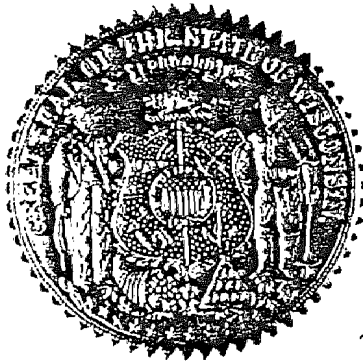
1. Establish the Governor's Commission on Taliesin ("The Commission").
2. Provide that the membership of the Commission shall not exceed thirty (30) members, including representatives of the majority and minority parties in each house of the state legislature, the Secretary of the Department of Administration or his designee, and the Director of the State Historical Society. The Governor shall designate two members to serve as honorary Co-chairs of the Commission. All members shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure.
3. Direct that the Commission solicit public comment, review and recommend legislation to explore alternative measures to provide for the preservation of Taliesin by addressing the following issues, among others:
 - (a) The Commission shall, after a proper survey of the current physical and structural condition of the Taliesin buildings, prepare a physical preservation program for Taliesin consistent with the mission Frank Lloyd Wright established when he created the Taliesin fellowship and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.
 - (b) The Commission shall prepare a program for public access to the Taliesin buildings and facilities, including Hillsdale, Midway, and Taliesin. The program shall include, but not be restricted to, a proposal for visitor access with minimized alteration of the existing environment of the buildings and surrounding land, an examination of the feasibility of a visitor center, and a determination of the appropriate methods for conducting public tours.
 - (c) The Commission shall recommend the most appropriate administrative organization to assist the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in the planning, management, and oversight of the preservation and operations of the Taliesin properties.

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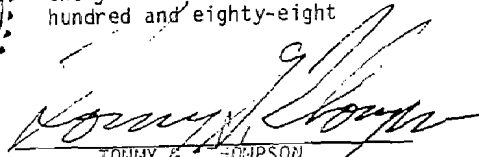


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- (d) The Commission shall estimate the five-year capital and operational costs of managing the Taliesin facilities, identify potential revenue sources and provide an estimate of the relative volume of such sources, review the viability of various alternative revenue sources, including, but not limited to: tour receipts, sales from a visitors center store, and contributions from the federal government, private foundations, corporations and individuals.
- 4) Provide that the Department of Administration shall arrange staff assistance to the Commission.



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 twenty-seventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight


TOMMY S. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State