



EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THREE

GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM AND COUNCIL FOR RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the high quality of life enjoyed by Iowans has depended on the health of our agricultural economy, on the opportunities provided to all citizens -- rural and urban -- for realizing their full growth potential, and on a good balance between rural and urban development; and

WHEREAS, these components of a quality life are threatened by a continuing, extensive migration from Iowa's rural areas to larger cities, both here and elsewhere in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, under the leadership of President Richard M. Nixon, has set priority on rural community development to stem the migration to the large urban centers by making job opportunities, recreational facilities and other facets of a quality life attractive in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor, deem it advisable to bring to bear the powers of the Governor's Office to coordinate the efforts of the various agencies and levels of government into a coherent program for rural community development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of Iowa, do hereby order and proclaim that there shall be an organized commitment to marshal Iowa's public and private resources to rural development needs and priorities, and this commitment shall be called THE GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM AND COUNCIL FOR RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, to operate within the framework of objectives and guidelines hereinafter set forth:

ARTICLE I                      NATURE OF THE PROGRAM

The mission of the Governor's Program and Council for Rural Community Development shall be to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations of Iowans living in rural areas and communities. The objectives and goals of this program are to improve interagency coordination, facilitate more unified and immediate responses to problems that arise, and strengthen ties among governmental and private persons at all levels of activity.

Major areas of inquiry and coordination include: agriculture, employment opportunities, local government capabilities, availability of transportation services, delivery of education, manpower, law enforcement, health, and social services, decent housing and a suitable living environment. The accomplishments in rural areas will, because of the interrelatedness of urban and rural life, further strengthen our programs for urban development.

These goals can only be reached with the full participation of agencies and individuals from the private sector and all levels of government. The Governor's Office is pledged to solicit, guide, and recognize such participation. The powers of the Governor shall be exercised as feasible toward the fulfillment of these rural community development objectives.

## ARTICLE II RURAL POLICY COUNCIL

Overall direction of the Governor's Program and Council for Rural Community Development shall be the responsibility of the Rural Policy Council, which is hereby created. The Council shall be composed of the following State officials and executives:

Governor, serving as chairman  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Director, Office for Planning and Programming  
Director, Iowa Development Commission  
Director, State Office of Economic Opportunity  
Director, State Conservation Commission  
Director, Department of Soil Conservation  
Director, Cooperative Extension Service,  
Iowa State University  
Commissioner, Department of Public Health

The Council may recommend and the Governor may appoint such additional members and include such other persons in deliberations as deemed beneficial to the furtherance of the Council's objectives.

## ARTICLE III PROGRAM DIRECTION, STAFFING, AND BUDGET

### A. Program Coordinator

Staff direction and research shall be the responsibility of the Program Coordinator, who shall be an employee of the Office for Planning and Programming, and who shall report directly to the Rural Policy Council on all matters pertaining to the Council. The Program Coordinator shall call upon and work with the various agencies, levels of government, and private concerns to prepare such background information, problem analyses, program studies, funding proposals, plans, publications, or other information as may be required by the Rural Policy Council. The Program Coordinator shall be responsible for the efficient operation of the Rural Development Task Forces, described below, and shall assist the Rural Policy Council in establishing such Task Forces.

## B. Rural Development Task Forces

The Rural Policy Council may structure such Rural Development Task Forces as it may deem necessary to assist in accomplishing the objectives and guidelines set forth. The Task Forces may be composed of representatives from interested agencies, levels of government, universities, the private sector, and the general citizenry. On each Task Force, one member agency shall be designated to assume major staff responsibilities, with other members assisting as needed. The Program Coordinator shall be responsible for overall coordination of staff work of Task Forces.

## C. Funding

The research, coordinating, and program development costs of the Governor's Program and Council for Rural Community Development shall be met from a variety of sources, including a current federal grant to the Office for Planning and Programming, appropriations for Governor's Study Committees, and such other grants, appropriations, and transfers as may be available and approved by the Governor. The staff and support costs of participating agencies shall normally be met by the respective agencies.

## D. Methods and Schedule

The specific research methodologies and coordinative procedures shall be determined by the Rural Policy Council with advice of the Program Coordinator.



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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-one.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE