

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

Executive Order  
Number: Thirty Seven

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES  
RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL ON SMALL BUSINESS

WHEREAS, small businesses play an important role in Delaware's economy and in the state's job creation process; and

WHEREAS, the growth and development of the small business sector is of vital importance in order to ensure the health and prosperity of Delaware's economy; and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 14,000 small businesses in Delaware which employ over 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create and foster an environment which enhances the productivity of existing small businesses and attracts new small businesses to establish operations in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Governor's Council on Small Business is hereby established.

2. The purpose of the Council on Small Business is to advise and assist the Governor in the development of programs and policies to stimulate small business growth, productivity and development.

3. The Council shall consist of sixteen (16) members as follows:

a. The Director of the Delaware Development Office, who shall serve as Chairman; and,

b. Fifteen (15) members from the community-at-large, appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure, including Delaware's three counties.

4. The Council on Small Business shall investigate, examine and identify issues which affect small business growth, productivity and development, and advise and make recommendations to the Governor concerning approaches which can foster a better working environment for small businesses in Delaware.

5. An annual report of the Council on Small Business shall be submitted to the Governor not later than the first day of January of each year.



APPROVED this 22nd day  
of January, 1987.

Michael N. Castle  
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Secretary of State