

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER Eighty-five

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: COUNCIL ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to define the unique needs of, and to address problems encountered by, the Hispanic population of Delaware in order to assure that the diverse interests and concerns of our Hispanic citizens are served; and

WHEREAS, the various entities of State government can focus efforts to improve the delivery of services to the Hispanic population; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics comprise a significant segment of Delaware's population.

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 the following:

- 1. The Governor's Council on Hispanic Affairs is hereby reestablished. It shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Governor who shall be broadly representative of the Hispanic community in Delaware.
- 2. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor from among the members, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The other officers shall be elected by the Council from among its members.
- 3. The terms of the members of the Governor's Council on Hispanic Affairs shall be three (3) years. If any member fails to attend four successive meetings of the Council, the position may be deemed vacant, and upon recommendation of the Chairperson, the Governor may appoint a replacement. Any appointment to replace a member whose position becomes vacant prior to the expiration of the term shall be filled only for the remainder of the term.

- 4. The duties and functions of the Council shall be:
- To foster an understanding of and an appreciation for the many contributions that the Hispanic community of Delaware has made to the home, the community, the State, and the Nation;
- To consider matters of concern to the Hispanic population of the State of Delaware and, to this end, to hold hearings, conduct forums and discussion groups, issue reports, and compile and distribute statistics and information:
- (c) To review legislation pending in the General Assembly dealing with issues of particular interest to the Hispanic population of Delaware and to make recommendations concerning such legislation to the Governor and the General Assembly;
- To serve as a clearing house for providing information to the general public, to State agencies, and to the Hispanic community on the status of Hispanics in Delaware; and to refer complaints and inquiries to the appropriate State departments or community organizations;
- (e) To cooperate and work with appropriate agencies of other states which are concerned with the status of Hispanics;
- (f) To perform such other functions and duties as are imposed upon it by law and assigned to it by the Governor.
- The Council shall make periodic reports and recommendations regarding its activities, and shall issue other reports or assistance as the Secretary of Community Affairs or the Governor shall from time to time require or request.
- 6. Executive Order Number Fifty-Seven, as amended by Executive Order Number Sixty-Two, issued by Governor du Pont, is hereby rescinded.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereto set my Hand and Seal this day of 1990.

Governor

Secretary of State