

STATE OF DELAWARE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER NINETY-SEVEN

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies
RE: The Establishment of the Interim Delaware Economic
Development Council

WHEREAS, it is essential that the State of Delaware devise an overall State economic development planning process that is integrated and coordinated with the various planning and economic development efforts in the State, as well as with the executive decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 the General Assembly enacted into law the Coastal Zone Industrial Control Act for the purpose of regulating industries in the coastal areas of the State, and subsequently there has been considerable controversy over it and the State's policy on economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, there is an ever-increasing number of State Departmental regulations and policies affecting industrial and economic development and inasmuch as the State lacks an institutional mechanism to coordinate the various government agencies and private organizations that are involved in economic development activities or programs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Delaware recognized these problems and needs and, by Executive Order, temporarily established the Delaware Tomorrow Commission charging it with the task of devising a statewide development policy on growth in the areas of industrial, commercial and residential development including open space, recreation, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tomorrow Commission Committee on Economic Development specifically recommended that one organization within the State be created and staffed adequately to:

- A. Coordinate all aspects of the economic development programs set forth within its report.
- B. Reinforce development efforts, consistent with these proposals, of organizations in the private sector.
- C. Report annually the results attained; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that there be a statewide organizational arrangement designed to involve all levels of government and the private sector in the formulation of a statewide economic development planning process and overall economic development program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The "Delaware Economic Development Council" is hereby established. The membership of the "Delaware Economic Development Council" (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") shall be comprised of the designated Chairman from each of the Economic Development Committees established for the three counties of Delaware and for the City of Wilmington, the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs and Economic Development, the State Planner, and the Chairman of the Community Affairs Committees in the House and Senate of the Delaware General Assembly.

2. One "Economic Development Committee" shall be created for each of Delaware's three counties and for the City of Wilmington. Each "Economic Development Committee" will contain a minimum of nine members. The membership of each "Committee" will be comprised of citizens, government leaders and representatives from business, labor and industry who will identify economic development goals and objectives, and determine future project opportunities at the local level of government.

3. The Chairman of the "Delaware Economic Development Council", to be designated by the Governor of the State of Delaware, shall be drawn from the industrial membership represented on the "Council". The Vice Chairman of the "Council", to be designated by a majority of the members of the "Council", shall be drawn from the governmental membership represented on the "Council".

4. The Chairmen of the "Economic Development Committees", established for each of Delaware's three counties and for the City of Wilmington, shall be drawn from the industrial membership represented on the "Economic Development Committees".

5. The Division of Economic Development shall act as staff to the "Delaware Economic Development Council".

6. The "Council" is charged with the responsibility of establishing an overall State economic development planning process that is coordinated with functional and comprehensive planning activities and is incorporated in the executive decision-making and capital improvements budgeting process.

7. The "Council", acting in an administrative capacity, shall direct and coordinate the statewide economic development planning process carried out by the "Economic Development Committees" and involve all levels of government and the private sector in the formulation of State economic development strategies.

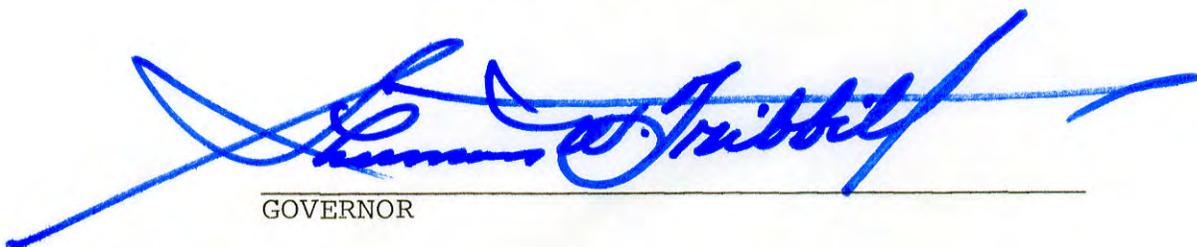
8. The "Council" shall incorporate the goals and objectives of the overall Economic Development Committee planning activities.

9. The "Council" shall consider the provision of public works and other development projects to stimulate and channel development.

10. The "Council" will formulate economic development projects that are directed toward reduction of economically depressed areas in the State.

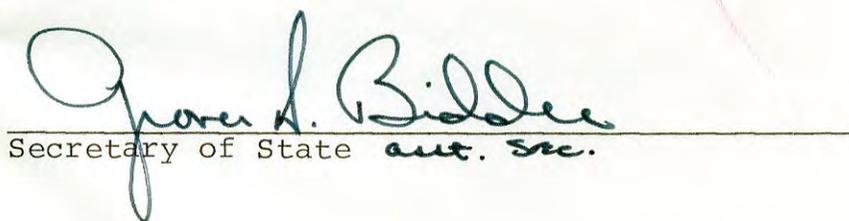
11. The "Council" will coordinate the implementation of the economic development policies recommended in the proposed report of the Delaware Tomorrow Commission.

APPROVED this 19th day of February, 1976


GOVERNOR



ATTEST:


Secretary of State *act. Sec.*