

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES  
RE: COUNCIL ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, there is a need to define the unique needs and problems encountered by the Hispanics of Delaware in order to assure that the diverse interests and concerns of the Hispanics are served; and

WHEREAS, there has been a lack of organized effort on the part of State government to address or serve these needs and concerns and problems; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, 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 shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The members of the council shall be broadly representative of hispanics in Delaware. At least two members shall be appointed from each of the three counties of the State and two members shall be appointed from the City of Wilmington. The remaining 8 members shall serve at large.
2. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor from among the fifteen 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 term of a member of the Governor's Council on Hispanic Affairs shall be three (3) years. Initially, the Governor shall designate five members to serve a one-year term, five members to serve a two-year term, and five members to serve a three-year term. 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:
  - (a) To foster an understanding of and appreciation for the many contributions of the Hispanics of Delaware to the home, the community, the State and the Nation;



(b) To consider matters of concern to the Hispanics of the State of Delaware and, to this end, hold hearings, conduct forums and discussion groups, issue reports, and compile and distribute statistics and information;

(c) To make recommendations to the Governor for action which may be taken to end discriminatory practices within State government and to establish policies and programs within State government and to establish policies and programs within the Executive Branch designed to benefit the Hispanics of the State;

(d) To review legislation pending in the General Assembly dealing with issues of particular interest to the Hispanics of Delaware and make recommendations concerning such legislation to the Governor and the General Assembly;

(e) To make specific legislative proposals dealing with removing discriminatory laws and practices in the State of Delaware and with furthering the welfare of the Hispanics of the State; to transmit such legislation, with any report or information thereon, to the Governor and to the General Assembly; and to work toward the passage of such legislation;

(f) To serve as a clearing house for providing information on the status of Hispanics to the general public, to State agencies and to the Hispanics of the State; and to refer complaints and inquiries to the appropriate State departments or agencies or community organizations;

(g) To cooperate and work with appropriate agencies of other states which are concerned with the status of Hispanics and with the elimination of discrimination on the basis of ethnic origin;

(h) To perform such other functions and duties as imposed upon it by law as are assigned to it by the Governor.

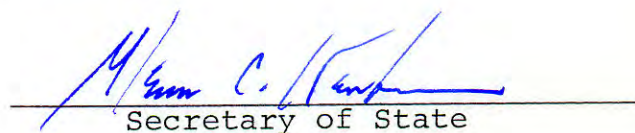
5. The Council shall make periodic reports to the Governor on its activities and recommendations, and shall issue such other reports or assistance as the Secretary of Community Affairs and Economic Development or the Governor shall from time to time require or request.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have  
hereto set my Hand and Seal  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1978.

  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State