

# Executive Document

## Governor's Executive Order Creating the Governor's Advisory Council and Director on Black Affairs.

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

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WHEREAS, Utah state government should be responsive to all citizens of the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, close communication between these citizens and the Governor is necessary to maintain a responsive government;

WHEREAS, it is important to involve citizens in assessing the responsiveness of government and to solicit their recommendations on ways to enhance that responsiveness;

WHEREAS, state government can better involve members of the Black Community in assessing the responsiveness of government and, further, help provide information regarding programs and services and provide other assistance to the Utah Black Community;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state and the people for government to advocate and promote cooperation and understanding between government agencies and the people they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Utah, do hereby order as follows:

(1) There is created the Governor's Advisory Council on Black Affairs.

(a) The advisory council shall consist of 11 members appointed by the Governor.

(b) Each member of the advisory council shall serve for a two-year term.

(c) A member of the advisory council may not serve more than two full consecutive terms.

(d) The Governor shall appoint a chair and vice-chair of the advisory council.

(2) The advisory council shall meet at least quarterly or as needed as determined by the chair or at the request of the Governor.

(3) The advisory council shall:

(a) advise the Governor on the level of responsiveness of state government agencies to the needs of Blacks in Utah;

(b) identify the major problems Blacks are experiencing for which state

government has a responsibility for solving or mitigating;

- (c) make recommendations on broad policy and program issues rather than dealing with individual problems;
- (d) assess the level of effort, effectiveness, and progress the responsible unit of government is expending to solve the issues identified;
- (e) coordinate its activities with the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Affairs, the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs, the Governor's Council on Polynesian Affairs, and the Division of Indian Affairs; and
- (f) report its findings and recommendations directly to the Governor's Office.

(4) The Governor shall appoint a Director for Black Affairs who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The director shall:

- (a) serve as a liaison between the Governor's Office and the advisory council;
- (b) assist the advisory council in performing the advisory council's duties;
- (c) coordinate his or her activities with the directors for Asian Affairs, Hispanic Affairs, and Polynesian Affairs in order to avoid duplication and enhance effectiveness; and
- (d) report to the Governor's Office under the direct supervision of the Director of Business and Economic Development within the Department of Community and Economic Development.

(5) The Department of Community and Economic Development shall provide office space and necessary administrative support to assist the advisory council and the director in performing their duties. The types and kind of support shall be determined by the Executive Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

(6) Funding for the advisory council, the director, and administrative support shall be contingent upon appropriations from the Legislature.

This Executive Order supersedes the executive orders issued on May 30, 1986, and all previous executive orders relating to the creation of or amendment to prior Black councils, commissions, boards, or similar bodies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 1st day of August 1994.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

Attest:

Olene S. Walker  
Lieutenant Governor

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