

Executive Document

Governor's Executive Order Creating the State of Utah Offices of Asian, Black, Hispanic and Polynesian Affairs.

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

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

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State of Utah and its citizens for state government to advocate and promote cooperation and understanding between government agencies and ethnic citizens;

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 State of Utah, Offices of Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian Affairs. The Governor shall appoint a director for each office who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
2. The director of each office shall conduct the following activities to determine whether state issues impacting Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian citizens are being addressed by state government:
 - a. Meet with the Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian Advisory Councils on a regular basis to address each council's findings and recommendations regarding state government's level of responsiveness;
 - b. Review state policy, agencies, programs, and projects to determine the impact on Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian citizens of Utah;
 - c. Inform and recommend the state agencies and other entities how they can increase or improve their level of responsiveness to ethnic citizens;
 - d. Serve as a resource for state government so it can increase or improve its level of responsiveness to ethnic citizens;
 - e. Develop a work plan that addresses identified state issues and sets monitoring strategies;
 - f. Inform Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian citizens about state

government's resources; and

g. Report to the Governor's Office on an annual basis about state government's responsiveness to Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian citizens of Utah and other issues impacting these citizens;

3. The directors of each office shall coordinate resources and activities to increase the level of responsiveness of state government to all ethnic citizens.

4. The director of the Division of Business and Economic Development within the Department of Community and Economic Development shall supervise the directors of the State of Utah, Offices of Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian Affairs.

5. The Department of Community and Economic Development shall provide office space and necessary administrative support to assist the director in performing his or her 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 State of Utah, Offices of Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Polynesian Affairs shall be contingent upon appropriations from the Legislature.

7. This supersedes any previous Executive Orders related to these offices.

In Testimony, Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 20th day of August, 1996.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker
Lieutenant Governor

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