

Executive Document

Governor's Executive Order Creating the Black Advisory Council.

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

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

Whereas, it is important to involve citizens in assessing the responsiveness of government and to solicit citizen's recommendations on ways to improve government's responsiveness; and

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 Utah's Black community; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the State of Utah and its citizens for state government to advocate and promote cooperation and understanding between state government agencies and its 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 Black Advisory Council.
 - a. The Black Advisory Council shall consist of 11 to 15 members appointed by the Governor.
 - b. Each member of the Advisory Council may not serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.
 - c. The Council shall elect a chair and vice-chair of the Advisory Council for a one-year term.
 - d. The Black Advisory Council shall meet a least quarterly or as needed as determined by the Council chair or at the request of the Governor.
2. The Black Advisory Council will work to accomplish the following:
 - a. Gather information about the needs of the Black citizens of Utah for which state government is responsible;

- b. Provide a forum for Black citizens to inform the Black Council about state government's response to issues;
 - c. Develop recommendations as to how state government can respond to issues impacting the Black citizens of Utah;
 - d. Review state government's response to recommendations provided by the Black Council;
 - e. Make recommendations to the State of Utah, Office of Black Affairs about state government's policy, programs, and projects and their impact on Black citizens;
 - f. Provide a list of Black citizens who can serve on advisory boards, commissions, and other positions in state government;
 - g. Coordinate activities among the advisory councils to address common issues impacting ethnic citizens; and
 - h. Report findings to the Governor's Office.
3. This supersedes all previous Executive Orders relating to this Council.

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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