STATE OF VERMONT

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 supplies a dynamic program for a concentrated and continuing attack on economic distress by moving against its essential causes; and

WHEREAS, this program provides for the effective mobilization of our total resources including the agencies of Government at federal, State and local levels, private agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, this gathering of forces offers significant promise in its mission to lift the economic condition among segments of the Vermont Community now deprived of the social, economic and cultural advantages enjoyed by more fortunate residents of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip H. Hoff, Governor of the State of Vermont, by Executive Order, do hereby establish the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity to serve as the agency of State Government with specific and primary responsibility for implementation of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in the State of Vermont.

THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY is established as an adjunct of the Executive Office with the Governor serving as Chairman.

There is also established in the Office of Economic Opportunity an ADVISORY COUNCIL comprised of the Chief Executive Officers of the following agencies or their designated Representatives: Administration, Agriculture, Education, Employment Security, Health, Mental Health, Central Planning Office, University of Vermont, Social Welfare, the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, and such other members as may be designated by the Governor.

An EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be appointed by the Governor from among the membership of the Advisory Council with a Vice Chairman to serve in the absence of the Governor.

A DIRECTOR, appointed by the Governor, shall serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The functions of the Office of Economic Opportunity, with the assistance of the Advisory Council, shall be as follows:

1. To serve as the central liaison for the State of Vermont with the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity for administration of funds available under the Economic Opportunity Act and to provide for efficient and expeditious management of these funds and development of coordinated programs among all participating agencies and groups.

2. To develop and implement plans and programs to be carried out under the auspices of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

3. To supply technical assistance to communities and other public and private groups or agencies seeking to sponsor and make available programs provided under the Act.

4. To provide for effective liaison with other private and public agencies and organizations with an interest in the program to the end that the total resources of Vermont may be mobilized in the effort to end economic distress.

In support of the coordinating objectives of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Chief Executive Officers of all executive agencies of State Government are directed to make available to the Office, at its request, the maximum cooperation of their disvisions consistent with their statutory obligations.

Philip H. Hoff

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Governor

Montpelier, Vermont
September 30, 1964