



Frank Keating
Governor

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-26

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby establish the Governor's Advisory Council on Latin American and Hispanic Affairs.

The Council shall consist of not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) representatives of the Latin American and Hispanic community of the State of Oklahoma. Additional members of the Council representing State Government from appropriate Cabinet areas including but not limited to Health and Human Services, Safety and Security, Human Resources, and Administration and Education may be designated by the Governor as deemed necessary to serve in a nonvoting Ex-Officio capacity. The Governor shall designate one of the voting members of the council to serve as chairman. All members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at his pleasure.

The Commission shall:

1. Expand opportunities for Oklahoma Hispanics in education, employment, health, housing, culture, and recreation;
2. Make concerted efforts toward increasing statewide public awareness of problems surrounding Hispanics by gathering and distributing relevant statistical data and other economic information;
3. Conduct special studies and programs as to the best methods of serving the needs of Hispanics in the labor market;
4. Cooperate in the efforts of state departments and agencies, and with public and private organizations, in understanding and serving the needs of the Oklahoma Hispanic community;
5. Advise the Governor on the development and implementation of policies, plans, and programs relating to the special needs of Hispanics;
6. Gather and disseminate information and conduct public hearings, conferences, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Hispanics;

7. Coordinate, assist, and cooperate with the efforts of state agencies to serve the needs of Hispanics, especially in the areas of culture, education, employment, health, housing, and recreation;

8. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public and private organizations with understanding problems concerning Hispanics;

9. Propose new programs and evaluate existing programs concerning Hispanics;

10. Evaluate legislation concerning Hispanics;

11. Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Hispanics by conducting community education programs;

12. Conduct training programs for community leadership;

13. Cooperate with the Department of Education in advising and assisting school districts concerning Hispanic issues; and

14. Secure appropriate recognition of Hispanic accomplishments and contributions to this state.

This Council shall meet at least quarterly as called by the chairman. Support and assistance for each meeting shall be provided by Office of Personnel Management.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 8th day of August, 1996.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE