

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

WHEREAS, natural resources of the State of Alabama make up over ten percent (10%) of America's great natural resources. Our citizenry and government, individually and collectively should exercise enlightened stewardship of our environmental assets. Cooperation and organization to that end is needful, and

WHEREAS, environmental management, recycling, and preservation is a major concern for our state, nation and world. The protection and enhancement of lifestyles made possible from proper development and use of our great natural resources is of vital concern to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Folsom, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Alabama, do hereby establish the Governor's Environmental Council. Functions and requirements for said Council include:

**Section 1. Establishment**

The Governor's Environmental Council is hereby established to address all environmental concerns with particular respect to Alabama's natural resources.

**Section 2. Purpose**

A. Acting through its Chairman, a full time Governor's staff employee, the Council shall keep the Governor informed and current upon environmental matters affecting the State of Alabama. The Chairman shall be the Governor's Liaison for Environmental Affairs and shall lead the council in:

- (1) Working with the Governor, members of the administration and leaders of the existing conservation and environmental organizations to improve the environmental quality of Alabama;
- (2) Working with the Alabama Department of Tourism and Travel and the Alabama Department of Conservation to develop and maintain a marketing program promoting Alabama as one of the nation's leading natural attractions;
- (3) Coordinating meetings of the Governor's Environmental Council and making certain that members of the Council are informed of environmental developments affecting the State of Alabama;
- (4) Assisting the lobbying of the legislature for implementation of environmental legislation

- supported by the Governor;
- (5) Coordinating a "Recycling for Jobs" campaign targeted at increasing employment and the volume of recycled materials; and
  - (6) Representing the Governor at various environmental group meetings.

### Section 3. Membership

A. Membership in the council shall consist of Alabama electors with interest, training, or a desire to study environmental practices and programs. The Environmental Council shall be made up of 24 appointed members plus the Chairman appointed by the Governor. Said Chairman shall be the Governor's permanent Liaison for Environmental Affairs. For the membership, there shall be:

- (1) Three (3) members appointed by the presiding officer of the House of Representatives;
- (2) Three (3) members appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate;
- (3) Three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM);
- (4) Three (3) members appointed by the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA);
- (5) Three (3) members appointed by the Attorney General of Alabama; and
- (6) Nine (9) members appointed by the Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation.

B. Relative to the appointments and the appointing authorities, those with three member appointments shall appoint council members, one each to serve one year, two years and three years, respectively. The Department of Conservation's appointments shall be for each of its nine appointed positions, three for one year, three for two years and three for three years. Following expiration of these initial terms all appointments shall be for three year terms.

C. The Governor shall appoint as Chairman his Governor's Liaison for Environmental Affairs who shall serve at the Governor's pleasure and be responsible to the Governor for the administration of the Environmental Council, fulfilling its purposes and functions as set forth herein. As Chairman and the Governor's Liaison, the Chair shall devote full time to his office and shall not hold another office under the government of the United States or any state or any political subdivision thereof. Said Governor's Liaison and Chair shall be paid no more than \$42,000.00 per year plus regular state employee benefits. Said Liaison and Chair of this Council shall be an individual who by training, education and

life experience is qualified to fulfill the charges and functions set forth above.

D. The appointed members shall serve without pay except that the members shall receive reimbursement for travel and per diem occasioned on behalf of the Council at the then state approved rates as funded by the state legislature.

**Section 4. Meetings**

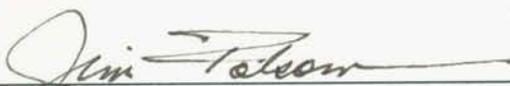
The Council shall meet at least quarterly, subject to the call of the Chairman. The Chairman shall organize and lead an annual meeting wherein plans, programs, accomplishments and participants will be presented in keeping with the purposes and functions of the Council.

**Section 5. Administration**

The Governor's Office, acting through the Governor's Liaison for Environmental Affairs, will provide necessary administrative and staff support services to the Council.

This Order is effective immediately.

DONE in Montgomery, Alabama this 12 day of November, 1993.

  
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Jim Folsom  
Governor



Attest:

  
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Jim Bennett  
Secretary of State