

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21

WHEREAS, Alabama boasts a proud heritage of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's); and

WHEREAS, Alabama has fifteen (15) Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Alabama A & M University, Alabama State University, Bishop State Community College, Lawson State Community College, J.F. Drake State Technical College, Trenholm State Technical College, Miles College, Oakwood College, Concordia College, Selma University, Stillman College, Talladega College, Tuskegee University, Carver Campus of Bishop State Community College, and C.A. Fredd State Technical College, a division of Shelton State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's HBCU's contribute greatly to Alabama's workforce, history, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's HBCU's presently have a total of 28,676 students studying many varied disciplines that will result in a multiplicity of degrees; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's individual HBCU's can learn and benefit from the knowledge gained by other HBCU's; and

WHEREAS, it will best serve all Alabamians to coordinate the common efforts of Alabama's HBCU's.

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, and for other good and valid reasons which relate thereto, do hereby establish the Governor's Commission on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall be comprised of the presidents of each of Alabama's 15 HBCU's, or their designees.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that there is hereby created the Office of Director of the Governor's Commission on HBCU's. Said Director shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be provided with office space, support personnel, and technical assistance through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission is hereby charged with promoting Alabama's HBCU's seeking to increase opportunities for HBCU's to participate in and benefit from Federal financially assisted programs. Neither the Commission nor its Director shall lobby the State legislature relative to any issues or matters;

however, each individual member institution may employ lobbyists to lobby the State legislature as its governing body shall deem appropriate. The Commission shall not establish policies, programs or standards as these matters are left exclusively within the jurisdiction of the individual institutions, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Alabama State Board of Education or such other governing or accrediting agencies or bodies.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order become effective immediately upon signing.

DONE and ORDERED this 7th day of June, 1994.





Jim Folsom
Governor

Attest:



Jim Bennett
Secretary of State