EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 6

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the State of Alabama, and specifically the Office of Governor, is charged with the responsibility to promote and oversee the development and enhancement of the economic resources of the State of Alabama for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, various state agencies, local governments, and private organizations are engaged in developing and implementing plans, legislation, ordinances, and regulations designed to promote economic development for existing industries, expanding industries and new industries which may be locating in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to the orderly development of the economic resources of the state to coordinate, facilitate and oversee these efforts of those various state agencies, local governments and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Alabama have a vital interest in the design, preparation and administration of a long-range strategic plan for the development of the economic resources of the State of Alabama and its various regions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, 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 appoint an advisory commission entitled the Alabama Commerce Commission which shall be comprised of the following:

1. The Governor of the State of Alabama and two (2) members appointed by the Governor;

2. The Lieutenant Governor;

3. The President pro tempore of the Alabama State Senate;

4. The Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives;

5. The Chairman of the Alabama Senate Industrial Development & Recruitment Committee;

6. The Chairman of the Alabama House of Representatives Commerce Committee;

7. The Director of the Department of Finance;

8. The Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA);

9. The Director of the Alabama Development Office;

10. The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Revenue;

11. The Director of the State Bureau of Tourism and Travel;

12. The Chancellor of the University of Alabama System;

13. The President of Auburn University;

14. A representative of the junior/technical college system to be selected and appointed by the Governor;

15. A representative from the marketing or public relations field to be selected and appointed by the Executive Director of the Alabama Travel Council, Inc.;

16. A representative from the business, manufacturing or industry sector to be selected and appointed by the Board of Directors of the Business Council of Alabama;

17. A representative from the consumer owned power utility sector to be selected and appointed by the Board of Directors of the Consumer Owned Power Alliance of Alabama;

18. A representative from the public utility sector to be selected and appointed by the President of the Business Council of Alabama;

19. A representative from the banking or finance sector to be selected and appointed by the President of the Alabama Bankers Association;

20. A representative of the economic development community to be selected and appointed by the Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Alabama;

21. A representative of the economic development community to be selected and appointed by the President of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama;

22. A representative of the international economic development community to be selected and appointed by the President of World Business Alabama; and

23. An "at large" member to be selected and appointed by the Institute for Ethics and Business in Government.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commerce Commission is directed to develop and recommend a Long-Term Strategic Plan to the Governor for the economic benefit of the citizens of the State of Alabama that will utilize all available human, economic and physical resources, both public and private. Upon the adoption thereof, the Commerce Commission shall monitor, implement and suggest alterations of the Long-Term Strategic Plan.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that those members designated in sections 2-13 shall serve Ex-Officio and the terms of service on the Commerce Commission shall be concurrent with the respective terms of office. The members appointed by the Governor in section 1, and the member designated in section 14, shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The terms of service on the Commerce Commission for the initial members designated in sections 15-23 shall commence upon their selection and appointment and shall terminate on February 28, 2001; thereafter, the terms of service for the members designated in sections 15-23 shall be four (4) years commencing March 1, 2001. Each member of the Commerce Commission shall serve for the term of his or her appointment and until his or her successor has been appointed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Commission and the Commission shall select from its members a Vice-Chairman. The duties of the Chairman shall include convening and chairing meetings of the Commerce Commission. Additional specific duties of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be designated by resolution of a vote of a majority of the Commerce Commission then voting. The Commerce Commission may, by resolution of a majority of members then voting, adopt appropriate by-laws and rules of procedure and may appoint committees to assist in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Commission, including the appointment of advisory panels composed of persons not necessarily serving on the Commerce Commission.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that members of the Commerce Commission shall be available to assist the State of Alabama in trade missions, industrial recruitment activities, and special projects as designated by the Governor for the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Commerce Commission and in order to enhance and promote existing, expanding and new businesses in Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the members of the Commerce Commission shall serve without compensation, but be entitled to reimbursement of expenses and per diem allowance as provided by law. The Commerce Commission shall meet at least on a monthly basis for the first six (6) month period and thereafter quarterly, or as often as may be deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Commerce Commission. Members of the Commerce Commission may appoint a "designee" to attend meetings and cast votes on behalf of the member by delivering written notice of such designee to the Chairman prior to any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Commerce Commission. The Commerce Commission shall submit interim reports and its recommendations to the Governor as the Commerce Commission deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon the Governor's signature and shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2nd day of April, 1999.

Don Siegelman
Governor

Attested:

Jim Bennett
Secretary of State