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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the well-being of all the citizens of South Carolina is a priority concern and responsibility of the State Government; and

WHEREAS, the State can achieve its full economic and social potential only if every individual has the opportunity to contribute to the full extent of his capabilities and to participate in the workings of our society; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has declared the policy of the United States to be to eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this nation by opening to everyone the opportunity for education and training, the opportunity to work, and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as amended provides the authority and funds for the establishment of community action agencies in the State whose mission is to mobilize human and financial resources to combat poverty;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, there is hereby created in the Governor's Office the Division of Economic Opportunity.

The State Director of the Division of Economic Opportunity shall be appointed by the Governor.

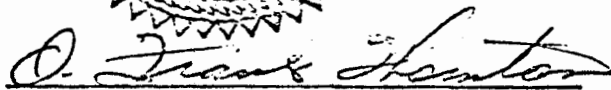
The State Director shall have the authority consistent with appropriate Federal and State laws and regulations to employ the necessary staff to carry out the following duties and responsibilities:

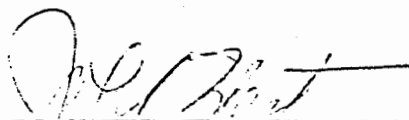
- provide technical assistance to communities and local community action agencies in developing and carrying out programs under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as amended;
- To assist in coordinating State activities related to the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as amended;
- provide the Governor with information and advice with respect to the policies and programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity and other anti-poverty resources;
- provide the Governor and other State agencies with information on the causes and conditions of poverty in the State;
- perform other duties and work assignments as may be appropriate under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as amended or under appropriate State laws or regulations as approved or directed by the Governor.

The State Director of the Division of Economic Opportunity shall be a special assistant to the Governor, reporting to and advising him on matters relating to the Office of Economic Opportunity.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, at Columbia, South Carolina this 22 day of March, 1971.




O. FRANK THORNTON
Secretary of State


JOHN C. WEST
Governor of South Carolina