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## Executive order

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COLUMBIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the welfare of its veterans of military service is vital to the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, services contributing to the welfare of South Carolina veterans are administered by several private, state and federal agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, proper management and utilization of publically and privately supported resources require continuing assessment, planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, a formalized working relationship should be developed to insure open-ended collaboration toward common goals among all relevant agencies and organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, I do hereby establish the South Carolina Veterans Advisory Council which shall seek to advance the well-being of the Veterans of South Carolina.

The Council shall serve for the purpose of advising the Governor on Veterans affairs and, in particular, for the purposes of eliminating duplication, increasing efficiency and coordinating the many planning and programming activities affecting or potentially affecting veterans benefits or assistance.

The Council shall lend high-level support to all efforts underway in the area of Veterans affairs; give assistance to State, Federal and sub-State planning agencies; work with organizations, professional groups, industrial concerns and others in implementing policies and programs beneficial to veterans consistant with plans and policies of the Council and to the extent not inconsistent with applicable Federal Law and policy.

The Council shall consist of members as follows:

- Executive Director, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
- Vice Provost, Regional Campuses, University of South Carolina
- Vice President, South Carolina College Council
- Executive Director, South Carolina Employment Security Commission
- Director, South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs
- Director, Regional Office of the Veterans Administration
- Hospital Director, Veterans Administration Hospital
- Executive Director, State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
- Department Commander, South Carolina Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Department Commander, South Carolina Department of the American Legion
- Department Commander, South Carolina Department of the Disabled American Veterans

Representatives of other organizations may be appointed by the Governor as he deems adviseable.

The Council shall be headed by a Chairman who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

An Executive Secretary, appointed by the Governor, and staff services in support of the Council efforts shall be provided by the Division of Administration of the Governor's Office.

The Council is authorized and empowered to make such analyses and investigations as it may consider necessary to determine the means by which services to Veterans may be rendered in the most efficient and expeditious manner.

In furtherance of the work of the Council, I request every agency and employee of the South Carolina State Government to cooperate with and furnish to the Council and its representatives such information and assistance as may be needed to accomplish the Council's purposes.



Given under my Hand and Seal  
of the Executive Department  
at the Capitol, Columbia,  
South Carolina, this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 1974.

ATTEST:

O. Frank Thornton  
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Secretary of State

John C. West  
John C. West  
Governor