

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27

WHEREAS, Part C, Title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, P.L. 93-113, provides for special volunteer programs to encourage wider volunteer participation on a full-time basis to strengthen and supplement efforts to meet a broad range of human, social, and environmental needs, particularly those related to poverty; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of volunteerism has long inspired generations of Alabamians to give of their time and abilities to help others, and the State of Alabama should make use of volunteers in state service in agencies, institutions, and situations wherever possible; and

WHEREAS, effective use of volunteers in state service requires that state and local government agencies be provided guidelines for the development of volunteer programs and the utilization of volunteers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established within the Community Services Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Alabama Office of Voluntary Citizen Participation, herein referred to as AOVCPC, which shall consist of the staff in place at AOVCPC effective October 1, 1984.

SECTION 2. AOVCPC is hereby authorized and directed to exercise and perform all functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon it by Part C, Title I of P.L. 93-113. Subject to provisions of law which govern receipt, budgeting, and expenditure of funds by a State agency, AOVCPC is hereby authorized to receive, budget, and expend all federal, state, and other funds made available to it under P.L. 93-113 and state laws under the supervision of the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Chief of the Division of Community Services.

SECTION 3. There shall be a Director, an Executive Assistant, and a Secretary of AOVCPC who shall be appointed by the Governor. The foregoing appointees shall not be included in classified service.

SECTION 4. There is hereby established in AOVCP an Advisory Council, herein referred to as "Council," consisting of fifteen (15) members, which shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall advise the Director and staff of AOVCP policy matters. Such members shall be representative of public organizations, private organizations, and individuals interested in serving and benefited by the programs carried out under this Order.

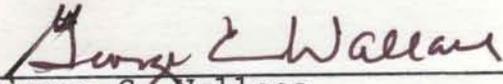
SECTION 5. The responsibilities hereby assigned to AOVCP shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. To serve as a statewide advocate regarding issues affecting volunteers and volunteer organizations.
- b. To develop and maintain communication with and among the volunteer community and to promote greater/private sector cooperation and coordination of resources.
- c. To provide training and technical assistance to volunteer leaders, managers, administrators and community coalitions of volunteers.
- d. To encourage and participate in volunteer recognition activities and events in order to increase the visibility and status of volunteers and their accomplishments, and to encourage greater citizen participation in voluntary efforts.
- e. To strengthen and expand volunteer programs within Alabama state departments and agencies and to promote increased citizen participation in state services.
- f. To serve as an information clearinghouse on voluntarism.

SECTION 6. The Director of AOVCP shall take necessary steps to coordinate volunteer programs hereunder with other public or private programs or projects carried out at state and local levels.

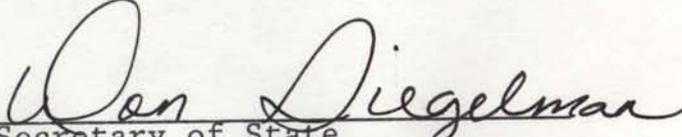
SECTION 7. State agencies shall cooperate with the Director of AOVCP in disseminating information about the availability of assistance under this Order.

DONE this 12TH day of July, 1984.



George C. Wallace
Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

