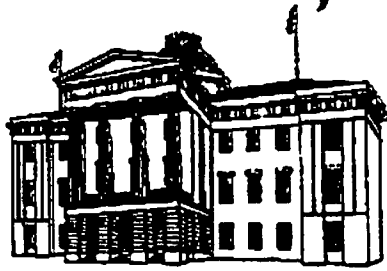


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 1

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENDOWMENT FOR POSITIVE GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGNS

WHEREAS, the current campaign finance system in North Carolina undermines voter confidence in our political system; and

WHEREAS, negative campaigns distort the policy ideas and vision of candidates for public office; and

WHEREAS, the current campaign finance system contributes to the electorate's perception of impropriety and mistrust in government.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Establishment

- (a) The Governor's Task Force for the Development of an Endowment for Positive Gubernatorial Campaigns is hereby established. It will be composed of members appointed by the Governor including, but not limited to, citizens from the private sector, business, industry, and other professions of the State.
- (b) Thomas W. Lambeth of Winston-Salem shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.

Section 2. Duties

- (a) The Task Force shall meet upon the call of the Chair as directed by the Governor.
- (b) The Task Force shall have the following duties:
 1. To determine the steps necessary for the establishment of an endowment for positive gubernatorial campaigns. The Task Force is authorized to secure pledges

from philanthropists, businesses, philanthropic, and civic organizations to fund such an endowment, but the Task Force itself will receive no financial contributions from such pledges.

2. To identify and recommend an appropriate legal structure and/or organization through which pledges may be received.
3. Such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor.

Section 3. Administration

- (a) Heads of the State departments and agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide to the Task Force such information as may be required by the Task Force in carrying out the purposes of this Order.
- (b) The Office of the Governor shall provide necessary professional, administrative, and staff support services to the Task Force.
- (c) No per diem allowance shall be paid to members of the Task Force. Members of the Task Force and staff may receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with state law.

Section 4. Recommendations

Upon request, the Task Force shall provide recommendations to the Governor. The Task Force shall seek and encourage public comment to aid it in the development of the Endowment for Positive Gubernatorial Campaigns.

Section 5. Implementation and Duration

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State