

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON LITERACY FOR PHILADELPHIA

WHEREAS, illiteracy is a problem of severe and growing proportions throughout the nation and in Philadelphia;

WHEREAS, illiteracy costs the nation millions of dollars in lost production;

WHEREAS, illiteracy restricts the opportunities of citizens to earn a living and enjoy satisfying lives;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to provide equal opportunity to all of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me in accordance with Section 3-100 (h) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1

The purpose of the Mayor's Commission on Literacy shall be to (1) advise and counsel the Mayor on ways to promote literacy among Philadelphia residents and on public policies that affect literacy efforts; (2) provide a forum for discussing policy issues relating to the problem of illiteracy; (3) promote an awareness of the need for action; (4) encourage increased volunteer efforts on behalf of literacy; and (5) encourage private sector involvement and support of literacy efforts.

Section 2

- 1) The Commission shall be composed of no less than 15 members, appointed by the Mayor, and represent area education agencies and institutions, libraries, business, labor, churches, and job training, civic and community organizations.
- 2) One half of the first appointments shall serve for terms of two years and the remainder shall serve for terms of one year. Commission members shall be eligible for reappointment for successive terms and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- 3) The members of the Commission shall serve without salary.
- 4) Chairs or co-chairs of the Commission will be appointed by the members of the Commission for one-year terms.
- 5) The Mayor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission who shall serve at his pleasure.

- 6) The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and internal organization. Such rules shall become effective only after approval by the Administrative Board, and will be consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.
- 7) The Commission shall convene regularly at such times and places it may by rule designate.

Section 3 -- Duties

The Commission shall be responsible for advising the Mayor on the initiation, development, and implementation of policies and programs throughout City government to achieve the purposes and goals of this executive order.

Section 4 -- Other Provisions

- 1) The Commission shall operate consistent with all applicable laws including those of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Philadelphia.
- 2) This order shall be effective upon its execution by the Mayor.

May 7, 1984
Date

W. Wilson Goode
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Mayor