



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 42

**AN ORDER REDESIGNATING AND RECONSTITUTING THE TENNESSEE
STATE COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Tennesseans have long recognized and valued the importance of serving their communities, state and nation through volunteer community service; this commitment to public service long ago earned Tennessee the distinction of being known as "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, expanding on this rich tradition of public service, on February 7, 1994, Governor Ned McWherter signed Executive Order No. 55, establishing the Tennessee State Commission on National and Community Service ("Commission") "to encourage community service and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem-solving; to promote and support voluntary citizen involvement in government and private service programs throughout the state; to develop a long-term, comprehensive vision and plan for action for community service initiatives in Tennessee; and to serve as the state's liaison to national and state organizations which support its mission."; and

WHEREAS, since its creation, the Commission has worked tirelessly to achieve its mission and has been a leader in the creation of an expanded network of support for volunteer service, working through programs such as AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and through traditional volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS, through the combined efforts of the Commission and local non-profit organizations, Tennessee's volunteerism rate has risen from a baseline of 21.8% of the population in 2002 to 27% in 2005, the largest percentage increase of any state in the nation over this period; and

WHEREAS, the federal National and Community Trust Act of 1993 requires that each state create and maintain a state service commission that conforms with federal guidelines in order to receive certain federal funds. In addition, a vigorous state service commission is needed to help ensure that Tennessee lives up to its proud history as "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the board of the Tennessee State Commission on National and Community Service has recommended several changes be made to the organizational framework of the Commission in order to ensure compliance with federal requirements, including the federal National and Community Trust Act of 1993, and to ensure that the Commission operates with maximum effectiveness in Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, do hereby order and direct that Executive Order No. 55, signed by Governor Ned McWherter on February 7, 1994, is hereby amended as follows:

1. The Tennessee State Commission on National and Community Service shall hereafter be known as "Volunteer Tennessee". All references to the "Tennessee State Commission on National and Community Service" or the "Commission" in Executive Order No. 55 shall be deemed references to the organization hereafter known as "Volunteer Tennessee".
2. Section 2(A) is amended by deleting the sentence "Members may not serve two consecutive terms."
3. Section 2(B) is amended in subdivision (8) by deleting the punctuation "." and substituting instead the language "; and" and is further amended in subdivision (9) by deleting the language "; and" and substituting instead the punctuation ".".
4. Section 2(B)(10) is deleted in its entirety.
5. Section 2(D) is amended as follows:
 - a. By deleting the language "Commissioner, Department of Employment Security";
 - b. By deleting the language "Department of Labor" and substituting instead the language "Department of Labor and Workforce Development";
 - c. By deleting the language "Mental Health and Mental Retardation" and substituting instead the language "Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities";
 - d. By deleting the language "Department of Youth Development" and substituting instead the language "Department of Children's Services".
6. Section 2(E) is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

"The State Program Director of the Corporation for National and Community Service shall also sit on Volunteer Tennessee as a non-voting, ex-officio member."
7. Section 3(A) is amended by deleting the language "with approval of the State Planning Office".
8. The second section designated Section 6 is amended by redesignating such section as Section 7 and by deleting the first two sentences in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

"The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide necessary administrative and staff support to Volunteer Tennessee."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 27th day of October, 2006.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE