

EXECUTIVE ORDER 75-08

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial year in Washington State should be a time for re-examination of our instruments of self-government;

WHEREAS, the most fundamental and essential examination which could be made is that of the basic document of government, the state constitution;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state should be given the opportunity to know and have dialogue about their options in respect to constitutional principles; and

WHEREAS, the 200th anniversary of our nation's birth is a most appropriate time for the citizens of Washington State to attain a comprehensive revision of our outmoded state constitution:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. Evans, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby constitute the COMMISSION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVES as a separate agency within the Office of the Governor. In so doing I request that this commission and its staff work in close cooperation with the Washington State Legislature and provide the citizens of the State of Washington with a comprehensive and extensive public education program in respect to the Washington State Constitution and constitutional reform alternatives to the end that every citizen in the state may enjoy fully the promise of a responsive, accountable, and responsible state government as we move into the third century of this nation's existence.

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but each member and its staff shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended. Salary rates of staff serving the Commission shall be subject to the approval of the Governor.

Funds for reimbursement of the Commission and for other necessary expenses of the Commission will be made by an allocation from the appropriation made to me for survey and installation purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 29th day of July A.D., Nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

Daniel J. Evans
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
