

EXECUTIVE ORDER 82-16

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The legislature has declared in chapter 43.51A RCW that it is public policy and in the public interest to designate, preserve, and enhance for the inspiration and enrichment of the citizens of the state, historic sites, districts, buildings, and objects which reflect outstanding elements of our cultural heritage. Historic sites are also among the most popular visitor attractions in Washington State, and they are potentially an important aspect of the state's tourism development program.

To encourage the restoration of historic buildings, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 established significant Federal tax incentives for the redevelopment of income-producing historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Each state is responsible for nominating historic sites to the National Register to qualify buildings for potential tax benefits, and each state must maintain a qualified nomination review board in order to participate in the registration process and in order to qualify for Federal matching grants-in-aid pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 470a(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order that:

I. There shall be established a Governor's Historic Sites Advisory Council.

II. The Council shall consist of gubernatorial appointees who are currently involved in state heritage activities, who are residents of the state, and who represent such geographic areas and professional disciplines as will afford broad and balanced representation. In addition, the members shall meet the minimum professional standards required of state review boards participating in the National Register Program (See 16 U.S.C. 470w(12) and 36 C.F.R. 61.4).

III. The Chair of the Council shall be designated by the Governor.

IV. The Council is to review nominations for the State and National Registers of Historic Places and make recommendations to the State Historic Preservation Officer concerning the eligibility of nominated properties.

V. The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation shall provide administrative support to the Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 4th day of August A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
