

EXECUTIVE ORDER 83-15

Establishing the Governor's Advisory Council on Food Assistance

The present and continued need for basic support for the underprivileged citizens of the state dictates the highest possible use of surplus and donated food, together with efficient and equitable statewide distribution systems. The most efficient and effective delivery of food to those who are without requires close cooperation between business, government, and volunteers. The food banks and emergency feeding Centers are proven efficient methods to provide surplus food to individuals and families in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby establish the Governor's Advisory Council on Food Assistance with the following stipulations:

A. The membership of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor and represent:

1. Food bank administrators.
2. Producer associations.
3. Retail/wholesale distributors.
4. Labor organizations.
5. The transportation industry.
6. Public relations experts.
7. Local government officials
8. Other, i.e., restaurants, catering companies, corporate delegates, and private sector representatives.

B. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Council will be appointed by the Governor.

C. The Council shall determine the best ways to support the food assistance system, to ensure efficient and equitable distribution of surplus and donable food to needy citizens of the state, and to counsel the Governor on appropriate state government support in order to enhance the statewide food assistance program. The primary goals of the Council are to get more food to those who are in need and to enhance the cooperation between government, volunteers and the private sector to ensure this happening.

D. As a first order of business, the Council shall inventory existing food programs, identify resource deficiencies, determine feasibility of public and private support, and make recommendations to the Office of the Governor.

E. The Planning and Community Affairs Agency will provide administrative support to the Council and will coordinate staff support for the Council with other relevant state agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 20th day of September A.D., Nineteen hundred and

eighty-three.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Deputy Secretary of State
