



EXECUTIVE ORDER

NUMBER 11 (2000)

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
CREATING THE ILLINOIS MAIN STREET COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Illinois Main Street Program is based on the National Historic Trust's trademarked Main Street Four Point Approach which endeavors:

1. To build downtown management organizations;
2. To enhance the appearance of downtown areas through historic preservation;
3. To promote a unified, quality image that will bring people to downtown areas;
4. To retain and strengthen existing downtown businesses and recruit appropriate new businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor's Office created the Illinois Main Street Program in May 1993 to offer small rural and suburban communities technical assistance and hands on training for reviving their downtown areas; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor's Office remains dedicated to fostering the growth of the Illinois Main Street Program to increase the economic, social, physical and historical value of downtown areas and to improve the quality of life in Illinois' communities; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs was given the responsibility to administer the Illinois Main Street Program as a separate and distinct program within the Department in July 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs have agreed to work cooperatively and are collaborating to preserve and expand the integrity of the program through the creation of the Illinois Main Street Council.

THEREFORE, I, George H. Ryan, hereby order the following:

There is created the Illinois Main Street Council.

The membership of the Council shall be composed of:

The Lieutenant Governor, who shall be the chairperson of the Council, the Director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, who shall serve as *ex-officio* member of the council, and nine other persons appointed by the Governor, including representatives of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and others who have demonstrated an interest in downtown economic redevelopment and historic preservation.

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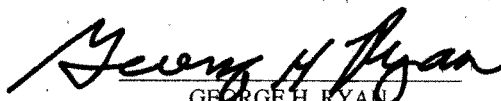
The Chairperson shall:

1. Preside over meetings of the council which shall be held quarterly each year.
2. Actively promote the Main Street Program as the Official Spokesperson for the program at all Main Street events including the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Downtown Revitalization.

The Council shall:

1. Develop a strategic plan for the Illinois Main Street Program.
2. Review and recommend all new Main Street Communities.
3. Review materials for public consumption and shall disseminate them collaboratively with the Lieutenant Governor's Office and DCCA.
4. Advise the Director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs on matters relating to the Illinois Main Street Program.
5. Approve and award the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Downtown Revitalization on an annual basis.
6. Adopt by-laws governing the organization and administration of the Council which must be approved by a simple majority of the Council.
7. Issue an Annual Report on the Illinois Main Street Program no later than August 1 each year to the Governor and General Assembly.

This Executive Order Number 11 (2000) shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.


GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

May 18, 2000

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