

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BY HER EXCELLENCY

JEANNE SHAHEEN, GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-5

an order establishing a New Hampshire Commission for National and Community Service

WHEREAS, volunteerism and community service can be a means of community and state problem-solving, and can also provide many of the state's social, environmental, educational and public safety needs;

WHEREAS, promoting the capability of New Hampshire's people, communities, and enterprises to work collaboratively is vital to the long-term prosperity of this state;

WHEREAS, encouraging community service as an integral part of the formula for our growth as a state and as a nation requires cooperative efforts by the public sector, the private sector, the nonprofit sector, and partnerships among these sectors;

WHEREAS, the National and Community Service Trust Act requires every state wishing to participate in national service initiatives to establish a bipartisan state commission on national and community service or a comparable entity,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the authority vested in me under Part 2, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish the New Hampshire Commission for National & Community Service for the purpose of promoting and supporting state and local community service initiatives. The commission is charged with the following responsibilities:

- The commission, with input from interested members of the public and from community service providers, shall develop a 3-year unified service plan that is updated annually.
- The commission shall provide technical assistance to applicant for AmeriCorps funds and coordinate and collaborate with other service providers throughout the state.
- The commission also shall fulfill the duties established for state commissions in Section 201 of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

FURTHER, it is ordered that the membership of the New Hampshire Commission for National and Community Service shall be comprised in accordance with the terms of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, including the following:

- The Governor shall appoint all members to terms of 3 years.
- The membership of the commission shall consist of a bipartisan and diverse group of New Hampshire citizens, with at least 15 but no more than 25 members.
- Voting members of the commission, shall be representatives of the department of education, local government, national service programs, community service programs, and youth groups; senior citizen, labor, education, business, and environmental organizations; and individuals between the ages of 16 and 25 who are participants or supervisors in programs.
- The Governor shall appoint ex officio members to ensure input into the drafting of state priorities for awarding local program grants.

FURTHER, it is order that the New Hampshire Job Training Council shall provide support and administration staff for the commission.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Council Chambers in Concord, New Hampshire, this thirteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and ninety seven.

  
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE