EXECUTIVE ORDER

70-2

RELATING TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
ACT OF 1968, PUBLIC LAW 90-577, AND THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING DISTRICTS
WITHIN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of
1968, Public Law 90-577, places certain responsibilities upon
the states for coordination of Federal, State and local plans
and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of the Budget, charged by Congress
for implementation of said Act has issued a series of Circulars,
A-80, A-82, A-95 and A-96 pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, Circular A-80 said in part, "the multiplicity
of unrelated planning jurisdictions and activities now existing
under various federal programs inhibits their most effective
operation." To help correct this situation, the President
called for procedures which would encourage:

"State and local planning agencies to work together
in using common or consistent planning bases and in sharing
planning facilities and resources, and utilization of common
boundaries for planning and development districts or regions
assisted by the Federal Government and consistency of such
districts with established state planning and development
districts and regions."

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to
encourage local initiative in developing organizational and
procedural arrangements for coordinating comprehensive and
functional activities and to avoid overlap, duplication, and
competition between local planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the State must exercise its leadership in
delineating and establishing a system of planning and develop-
ment districts which provide a consistent geographic base for
the coordination of federal, state and local development pro-
gress; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 69-6 was issued on the 28th
day of October 1969, which established preliminary planning
districts pending the completion of a study to determine the
most suitable and logical boundaries for planning districts
within the State; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Economic Planning and
Development has completed said study; and

WHEREAS, Bureau of the Budget Circulars A-95 and
A-96, which supercede, in part, Circulars A-80 and A-82, and
which require, as of October 1, 1969, the establishment of a
Project Notification and Review System based upon compatible
planning jurisdictions in order to facilitate the development
of coordinated regions and statewide planning and review
activities with regard to many federal programs, demand imme-
diate action on the part of the State of Arizona and the
executive branch of government to establish a statewide clear-
ing house to effectuate the Project Notification System required
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by Bureau of the Budget Circulars A-95 and A-96; and  

WHEREAS, there have been a number of proposals from both federal and local agencies to establish planning areas within the State which, if implemented, would lead to gross duplication and overlapping of geographic and functional areas of concern;  

NOW, I, THEREFORE, I, Jack Williams, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby direct that the State of Arizona be divided into six planning districts, described as follows:  

**PLANNING DISTRICTS**  

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All planning functions currently underway, or to be undertaken, on a district, regional or area-wide basis within the state are now asked to conform to the prescribed planning areas or combinations thereof. All general or special purpose planning jurisdictions established, or to be established, and all planning programs undertaken pursuant thereto by federal agencies, state or local jurisdictions or combinations of local jurisdictions are requested to conform to said boundaries.  

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.  

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this 8th day of July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth.  

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Secretary of State  

DEPARTMENT OF  
ARIZONA ARCHIVES  
STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION