STATE OF TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 18

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Tennessee guarantee to every individual the equal protection of the laws, and

WHEREAS, the public policy of our nation and state is that all persons are created equal and that every individual shall have equal right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness regardless of race, color, creed or national origin, and

WHEREAS, a public consciousness exists for the desirability of establishing and promoting enlightened leadership and responsible programs to insure fair and equal opportunity and treatment for all racial, religious, and ethnic groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK G. CLEMENT, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of authority vested in my by the Constitution and laws of this State, do direct that:

Section 101. There is hereby created a Tennessee Commission on Human Relations which shall be composed of twenty-one members representing all geographical areas of the State together with such representatives of state and local governments as members ex officio as shall be deemed desirable. At the time of appointment, one member shall be designated Chairman and one member as Vice Chairman. Terms of membership shall be for a period

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of three years except upon establishment, seven members shall be appointed for a period of one year, seven for a period of two years, and seven for a period of three years. Appointments shall be made by the Governor. The Commission shall meet within thirty (30) days of appointment and thereafter upon call of the Chairman. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the Governor within thirty (30) days after a vacancy occurs.

Section 102. The functions and responsibilities of the Commission shall include the following:

1. To encourage, promote, and develop fair and equal treatment and opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin.

2. To coordinate and assist local governmental agencies and commissions on human relations in their efforts to promote better human relations.

3. To cooperate with the Tennessee Council on Human Relations; community, professional, civic and religious organizations; Federal agencies, and agencies from other states in the development of public information programs, leadership, and activities in the interest of equal opportunity and treatment of all racial, religious and ethnic groups.

4. To conduct research projects and studies and to make reports on race relations in Tennessee.

5. To annually and periodically report to the Governor on the activities of the Commission.

6. To adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to govern the proceedings of the Commission and to conduct all meetings in accordance with said rules and regulations.

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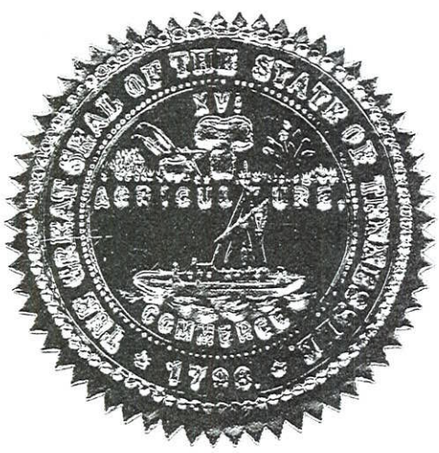
Section 103. The State may furnish a stenographic employee at the Commission meetings for the purpose of recording minutes of said meetings. The financial operations of the Commission shall be subject to an annual audit by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herewith subscribed my official signature and affixed the great seal of the State of Tennessee this 30th day of September, 1963.

FRANK G. CLEMENT
GOVERNOR



ATTEST:

JOE C. CARR
SECRETARY OF STATE

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