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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "DISADVANTAGED PERSON" MEANS THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A COMPETITIVE POSITION IN THE ECONOMY BECAUSE OF SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE.

(3) "MINORITY BUSINESSS ENTERPRISE" MEANS A BUSINESS, AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF WHICH IS OWNED BY MINORITY PERSONS, OR IN THE CASE OF PUBLICLY OWNED BUSINESSES, AT LEAST 51 PERCENT OF THE STOCK OF WHICH IS OWNED BY MINORITY PERSONS.

(4) "MINORITY PERSON" MEANS ONE WHO IS A SOCIAL OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED PERSON. THE DISADVANTAGE MAY ARISE FROM CULTURAL, RACIAL, CHRONIC ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF BACKGROUND, OR OTHER SIMILAR CAUSES. "MINORITY PERSON" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, NEGROES, FEMALES, PUERTO RICANS, SPANISH SPEAKING AMERICANS, AMERICAN INDIANS, ESKIMOS, ALEUTS, ORIENTALS, AND HANDICAPPED SHELTERED ORIENTED WORKSHOPS.

(B) THERE IS AN OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS WHO SHALL CARRY OUT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE.

(D) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY ASSIGN, AND WITHIN CONSTRAINTS OF LAWS, RULES, OR REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES, THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS SHALL:

(1) CARRY OUT THE VARIOUS STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS CREATED TO FOSTER GROWTH AND PARTICIPATION IN MINORITY BUSINESS;

(2) PROMOTE AND COORDINATE PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND PROGRAM OBJECTIVES, AND OPERATIONS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT WHICH AFFECT OR MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, PRESERVATION, AND STRENGTHENING OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE;

(3) PROMOTE THE MOBILIZATION OF ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, FOUNDATIONS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND VOLUNTEER AND OTHER GROUPS, TOWARDS THE GROWTH OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF THESE GROUPS WITH THOSE OF STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES;

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