

(I) PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TO MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES;

(II) PROVIDE THE MANAGERIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK THROUGH WHICH JOINT OR COLLABORATIVE UNDERTAKINGS WITH STATE AGENCIES OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED; AND

(III) DEFRAY ALL OR PART OF THE COSTS OF PILOT OR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO OVERCOME THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES;

(6) ADVISE AND COUNSEL THE GOVERNOR ON STATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE MINORITY EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE STATE;

(7) ADVISE AND COUNSEL THE GOVERNOR ON ALL MATTERS THAT AFFECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS IN THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES OF THIS STATE; AND

(8) AS AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNOR:

(I) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MINORITY CITIZENS AND THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE; AND

(II) REPRESENT THE GOVERNOR IN MATTERS THAT RELATE TO MINORITY AFFAIRS AND, GENERALLY, IN MATTERS THAT RELATE TO THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AMONG THE CITIZENS IN THIS STATE.

(9) PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF EACH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That all persons who, as of the effective date of this Order, are employees of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the Department of Economic and Community Development are hereby transferred to the Executive Department without any change or loss of rights or status, and they shall retain their merit system and retirement system status.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Order and every right, duty, or interest flowing from such a transaction it remains valid after the effective date and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

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