

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**BATON ROUGE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92 - 85**

**WHEREAS:** the State of Louisiana is strategically located as a natural gateway to Middle America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS:** the State of Louisiana is historically and culturally associated with Middle America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS:** many people throughout the State of Louisiana have relatives, friends, and associates in Middle America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS:** it would be mutually advantageous for the State of Louisiana and the countries in Middle America, South America, and the Caribbean to develop their relationship through increased cultural, economic, educational, environmental, and medical activities; and

**WHEREAS:** issues relative to cultural, economic, educational, environmental, and medical development between the State of Louisiana and the countries in Middle America, South America, and the Caribbean will be properly and effectively addressed with the creation of a commission composed of representatives of the State of Louisiana, and residents of the State of Louisiana representing the countries in Middle America, South America, or in the Caribbean;

**NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby create and establish the Pan American Commission within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Pan American Commission is created and established within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor.

**SECTION 2:** A. One-half of the membership of the Pan American Commission shall be composed of members representing the following countries:

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| Belize                  | Federal Republic of     |
| Republic of Costa Rica  | Mexico                  |
| Republic of El Salvador | Republic of Guatemala   |
| Republic of Honduras    | Republic of Nicaragua   |
| Republic of Panama      | Anguilla                |
| Antigua and Barbuda     | The Commonwealth of the |
| Barbados                | Bahamas                 |
| Cayman Islands          | Republic of Cuba        |
| Commonwealth of         | Dominican Republic      |
| Dominica                | Grenada                 |

Department of Guadeloupe	Republic of Haiti Jamaica
Department of Martinique	Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Lucia
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
British Virgin Islands	Turks and Calcos Islands
Argentine Republic	Federal Republic of Brazil
Republic of Bolivia	Republic of Colombia
Republic of Chile	Department of Guiana
Republic of Ecuador	Republic of Paraguay
Co-operative Republic of Guyana	Republic of Peru
Republic of Surinam	Oriental Republic of Uruguay
Republic of Venezuela	

Such members shall possess the following minimum qualifications:

1. Have the expertise or resources available to assist in the cultural, economic, educational, environmental, or medical development between the State of Louisiana and the country.
  2. Speak fluently the English language and the official language of the country.
  3. Have relatives, friends, or associates in the country.
  4. Be a resident of the State of Louisiana.
- B. The remaining one-half of the membership of the Pan American Commission shall be composed of domiciliaries of the State of Louisiana who shall have the expertise or resources available to assist in the cultural, economic, educational, environmental, or medical development between Middle America, South America, the Caribbean and the State of Louisiana.

**SECTION 3:** The members of the Pan American Commission shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Pan American Commission. The Vice-Chair of the Pan American Commission shall be elected by its members.

**SECTION 4:** The members of the Pan American Commission shall not receive a per diem or other compensation for their services. Actual expenses incurred by the Pan American Commission may be reimbursed upon the approval of the Commissioner of Administration.

**SECTION 5:** The duties and functions of the Pan American Commission include, but are not limited to:

- A. Providing public relations and information to government, business, and cultural leaders.
- B. Fostering entrepreneurial activity between Middle America, South America, the Caribbean, and the State of Louisiana.
- C. Coordinating economic development and resource

utilization.

- D. Promoting the development of new products or services, as well as new uses for existing products or services, which are manufactured or marketed in Middle America, South America, the Caribbean, and the State of Louisiana.
- E. Supporting market research aimed at identification of new international markets.
- F. Fostering and supporting cultural, economic, educational, environmental, and medical cooperation between private business enterprise, financial institutions, educational institutions, non-profit institutions and organizations, and State and local political subdivisions in the State of Louisiana, Middle America, South America, and the Caribbean.
- G. Submitting a written report to the Governor prior to the 1993 Regular Session of the Legislature, together with any recommendations for legislation.
- H. Other duties and functions as directed by the Governor.

**SECTION 6:** The Pan American Commission shall be provided professional, technical, and clerical staff from the Department of Economic Development.

**SECTION 7:** All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Pan American Commission in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 8:** The provisions of this Executive Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 2nd day of November, 1992.

  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE