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**Executive Order Creating
Mississippi Delta Advisory Council**

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois contains 16 counties in the federally designated Lower Mississippi River Region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has chosen to participate as a member of the Delta Regional Authority, as passed by Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Delta Regional Authority is to develop, on a continuing basis, comprehensive and coordinated plans and programs to establish priorities and approve grants for the economic and social development of the region; and


WHEREAS, the Delta initiative is complemented by the Illinois Workforce Advantage program, which is dedicated to expanding access to state services for individuals and families in distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is committed to promoting economic and social development throughout the state and particularly in the southernmost counties of Illinois;

THEREFORE, I, George H. Ryan, Governor of Illinois, hereby order the following:

1. There is created a Mississippi Delta Advisory Council, which shall be chaired by the Deputy Chief of Staff (Southern Illinois) to the Governor.
2. The Mississippi Delta Advisory Council shall include not more than twenty-one (21) members, representing: municipal government, education, transportation, housing, regional planning commissions, empowerment zones, banking/lending, public safety/criminal justice, health care, community/economic development, agriculture, and/or members at-large. The Council may also seek the ad hoc participation of other State departments, agencies, boards and commissions, public interest groups and private organizations, as necessary or appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses.
3. The mission and objectives of the Council will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) development of a coordinated policy for increasing awareness of the needs and assets of the Delta counties within Illinois;
 - (b) review and recommendation of proposed Illinois Delta projects to be submitted for funding by the Delta Regional Authority;

- (c) coordination and submission of a state development plan for the Illinois Delta counties, as required by the Delta Regional Authority;
 - (d) identification of potential federal, state and local assistance available within the Illinois Delta counties.
4. The Mississippi Delta Advisory Council shall meet as necessary to fulfill the objectives of this Executive Order.
 5. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.


GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

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