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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2013 - 9**

**DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS
MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON ARAB AND CHALDEAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**RESCISSION OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-33**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Michigan wishes to attract and retain top talent, and a key strategy for doing so is ensuring welcoming communities for the highly educated, business investors, and entrepreneurs from all over the world;

WHEREAS, Michigan's Arab American and Chaldean American communities contribute significantly to Michigan's economy and culture; and

WHEREAS, Michigan must engage leaders from all backgrounds and walks of life to participate actively and effectively in the reinvention of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2004, Executive Order 2004-33 was issued, establishing the Advisory Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a new structure will allow the council to more effectively serve the interests of Michigan and its Arab-American and Chaldean-American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

I. CREATION OF THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL ON ARAB AND CHALDEAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

A. The Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs ("the Council") is created as an advisory body to the Governor and the Director of the Department of Civil Rights.

B. All of the authority, powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations of the Advisory

Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs are transferred to the Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs created by this Order.

C. The Council shall be composed of ten (10) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Of the members initially appointed after the effective date of this order, four (4) members shall be appointed for term of two (2) years, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. After the initial appointments, members of the Council shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years.

D. A vacancy on the Council occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

E. The Director of the Department of Civil Rights and the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the Council.

F. The Governor shall designate no more than two members of the Council to chair or co-chair the Council.

II. RESCISSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-33

Executive Order 2004-33 is rescinded and the Advisory Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs is abolished.

III. CHARGE TO THE COUNCIL

The Council shall advise the Governor and the Director of the Department of Civil Rights regarding the full range of issues facing the communities, and opportunities related to the Arab and Chaldean American communities in Michigan. The Council shall promote public awareness of the cultures and recognize the history and contributions of the Arab and Chaldean American communities of Michigan. The Council shall also provide information and advice as requested by the Governor or the Director of the Department of Civil Rights in regard to Arab and Chaldean American affairs.

IV. OPERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

A. All budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Council shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Civil Rights.

B. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and rules and procedures of the Department of Civil Rights, subject to available appropriations.

C. Members of the Council shall refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to the Department of Civil Rights.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by or against the Advisory Council prior to the effective date of this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any lawfully commenced suit, action, or other proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

B. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order, which may be given effect without any invalid portion. Any portion of this Order found invalid by a court or other entity with proper jurisdiction shall be severable from the remaining portions of this Order.

This Order shall be effective 60 days after filing of this Order.

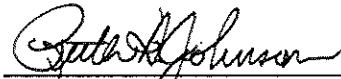
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 6th day of June, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen



RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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