The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #179

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Commission on Government Reform, Efficiency, and Performance

WHEREAS, all levels of government should engage in a continuous improvement process in order to deliver services more efficiently, to be more accountable, and to operate at lower cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, even though state revenues have risen in recent years federal mandates, cost pressures, and increased demand for services will continue to consume these revenues, putting stress on the state budget; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all state general purpose revenue is returned to local governments, and ensuring these funds are used efficiently is the responsibility of both state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, government programs and services should be periodically reviewed and adjusted to maximize their effectiveness and determine their continued need; and

WHEREAS, enterprise-wide state government operates and maintains millions of square feet of facilities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, including Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby create the **Governor's Commission on Government Reform, Efficiency, and Performance** and order as follows:

1. The Governor's Commission on Government Reform, Efficiency, and Performance shall operate as a nonstatutory committee under Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of advising and assisting the Governor in a coordinated government-wide effort to reduce the size of government, reduce spending and reduce the state tax burden, and deliver government services more efficiently.

2. The Commission shall include the following members, who shall serve ex officio:

    a. The Secretary of the Department of Administration.

    b. The State Budget Director or his or her designee.

    c. The Secretary of the Department of Revenue or his or her designee.

    d. The Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services or his or her designee.

3. The Commission shall also include the following members appointed by the Governor:

    a. A private-sector member who has executive experience.

b. A member who has a background managing local government operations.

c. Members of the Legislature representing both parties.

d. One or more members of the public.

4. The Commission shall be co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Administration and the private sector member with executive experience.

5. The co-chairs are empowered to appoint additional members to the Commission, provided that both co-chairs are in agreement as to each appointment.

6. The Commission shall have the following mission:

   a. Identify areas of state government where spending can be reduced;

   b. Review and recommend ways to reduce the cost to maintain state facilities;

   c. Identify areas of government where there is service duplication and recommend consolidations;

   d. Identify waste, fraud, and abuse in state government and recommend improvements;

   e. Recommend ways to improve service delivery in state government;

   f. Recommend ways to reorganize government to improve its focus and allow it to operate more efficiently and effectively;

   g. Identify ways to incentivize work and reduce fraud in state public assistance programs and in the state tax code;

   h. Review performance informed budgeting to ensure tax dollars spent are producing results and budgets reflect that;

   i. Review the core missions of agencies and recommend ways to more efficiently and effectively deliver on these core missions while at the same time removing non-core functions;

   j. Review the sharing of services between state agencies to improve efficiency, provide consistency, and save costs across the enterprise;

   k. Review the sharing of services between state and local governments to improve efficiency, provide consistency, and save costs;

   l. Analyze government operated programs and services that may have the potential to be delivered at a lower cost and more efficiently by a private entity; and

   m. Identify immediate and long-term savings that can be repurposed or returned to taxpayers.

7. The Department of Administration, with assistance from other state agencies as requested by the Governor, shall provide staff support to the Commission to accomplish its mission.

8. The Department of Administration, with assistance from other state agencies, shall produce a final report containing the Commission's findings and recommendations and shall submit the final report to the Governor prior to introduction of the 2017-19 biennial budget.

9. The Commission shall dissolve following the submission of its final report.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this third day of November, in the year two thousand fifteen.

SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State