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It is the policy of the State of Montana to encourage its units of local government to establish voluntary associations in order to discuss challenges of mutual interest and concern, develop policy and action recommendations for joint implementation by member local governments, engage in arcavide comprehensive planning, coordinate areawide functional planning and development activities, and administer certain Federal and State grant-in-old programs.

Guidelines have been developed to enable the State to recognize such associations of local government or District Councils within the multi-county districts established by Executive Order 2-71 and subsequent amendments.

By joint interlocal agreement, the necessary elected officials in District No. 4 have agreed to establish such a District Council.

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby recognize the Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana.

As a recognized District Council, the Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana shall be delegated the following authority:

1. Review of certain federally-assisted projects. The Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana shall, consistent with State Clearinghouse procedures, review all applications submitted by units of general local government, special for a loan or grant from a federal

department or agency for programs and purposes as required by Federal law or regulation. The Corporation shall have thirty (30) days after receiving any applications to conduct its review, to make comments and recommendations, and to attempt to resolve any inconsistencies with its officially adopted comprehensive district development plan. This review procedure shall be completed prior to submission of the application to the pertinent Federal department or agency for funding consideration.

- 2. Review of state plans and projects.
- (a) Each state agency shall submit to the Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana for review, comment, and recommendation all comprehensive plans and annual work programs that will have an effect within District No. 4. The Corporation shall have thirty (30) days after receiving any plans and programs to conduct its review, to make comments and recommendations, and to attempt to resolve any inconsistencies with its officially adopted comprehensive district development plan. During this review period, the state agency shall take no action to implement the plans and programs.
- (b) The Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana shall review any proposed state major capital facilities project to be located within District No. 4. The Corporation shall have thirty (30) days after receiving the proposed project to conduct its review, to make comments and recommendations, and to attempt to resolve any inconsistencies with its officially adopted comprehensive district development plan. During this review period, the state shall take no action to begin the project.
- 3. Federal and State agency use of Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana.
- (a) The Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana shall be the authorized agency in District 4 to receive federal grants-in-aid for district-wide general purpose planning, coordination and development purposes.

- (b) All state agencies and federal grant recipients shall use the Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana comprehensive district development plan as a basis for any district-wide functional planning, and districting activities which will have an effect within District No. 4.
- (c) To avoid duplication of the staff efforts of various district planning bodies assisted by state and federal agencies, the Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana Comprehensive District Development Plan shall provide a consistent data base and assessment of needs for district plans. When possible, the Corporation should provide administrative and research services for district planning bodies in District No. 4.

This Executive Order shall be effective October 2, 1975.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great SEAL of the State of Montana this second day of October in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five.

THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the

State of Montana

ATTEST:

FRANK MURRAY

Secretary of State