EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-5

CREATING THE ARIZONA HOUSING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, providing a quality mix of affordable housing is essential in strengthening Arizona families, improving the quality of our communities, reducing crime and sustaining economic growth; and

WHEREAS, single- and multi-family housing construction represents a $5 billion industry in Arizona that provides one one out of every sixteen jobs; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is experiencing fundamental changes in its housing market due to its growing economy; and

WHEREAS, state government must play a key leadership role in facilitating affordable housing development by maximizing public and private resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Arizona, I do hereby create the **ARIZONA HOUSING COMMISSION**. The Commission shall be dedicated to increasing the development of affordable housing statewide by:

- Facilitating affordable housing, strategic planning and policy setting.
- Advising the Governor, Legislature, State agencies, and local governments on public and private actions that affect the cost and/or supply of housing.
- Coordinating public and private housing finance programs.
- Providing an avenue for enhanced private/public partnerships and innovative initiatives for affordable housing production.
- Adopting policies and providing oversight of all state housing programs.
- Providing direction to the State Interagency Housing and Homeless Council.

Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor. Terms shall expire at the pleasure of the Governor. Appointees shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be compensated for their reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The Director of the Department of Commerce shall serve as chairperson. The members shall consist of:

- Two representatives of city government (one urban, one rural)
- Two representatives of county government (one urban, one rural)
- One representative of the tribal government
- Two representatives of the private sector from the real estate or financial industry
- Two representatives of the non-profit community
- One representative of special needs populations
- One representative of a statewide housing association
- Three members at-large

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Fife Symington
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this Nineteenth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twentieth.

ATTEST:

Jane Dee Hull
Secretary of State