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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 32

**Relating to the Creation of the
Governor's Commission on Historic Sites**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Historical Society's ten historic sites are important to the interpretation of our heritage for the citizens of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's historic sites are an important component of our state's tourism industry and the schools' state history programs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's historic sites have experienced declining attendance during the past five years and difficulties in retaining seasonal staff and caring for their large and important collections of artifacts; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is committed to maintaining a high-quality, economically viable system of state historic sites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Commission on Historic Sites ("Commission"); and
2. Provide that the Commission shall consist of not more than eleven (11) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Provide that the Governor shall designate one (1) member on the Commission as chair to serve in this capacity at the pleasure of the Governor; and
4. Provide that the Commission shall have the following mission:
 - (a) Report on the current state of the Society's historic sites; and
 - (b) Access economic operating models used by the sites; and

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- (c) Assess models of interpretation used by the sites; and
 - (d) Assess current promotional activities for the Society's historic sites; and
 - (e) Assess the sites' stewardship of collections, which include historic buildings, major museum collections, and archives; and
5. Require the Commission to prepare and submit a report to the Governor detailing its findings and proposing recommendations for the operation of the Society's historic sites while not increasing current state funding levels; and
 6. Require the Commission to submit periodic reports to the Governor as the chair deems necessary and a final report to the Governor no later than July 1, 2002; and
 7. Direct the Wisconsin Historical Society to provide the Commission with administrative and support services; and
 8. Direct the Department of Administration to provide the Commission with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with Section 20.505 (3) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
 9. Provide that the Commission shall dissolve when its final report is accepted by the Governor.



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 fifteen day in November in the year two thousand one.

Scott McCallum

Scott McCallum
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State