

DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved and the President signed Public Law 105-124, the "Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program Act" (the "Act") to "honor the unique Federal republic of 50 states that comprise the United States' and 'to promote the diffusion of knowledge among the youth of the United States about the individual states, their history and geography, and the rich diversity of the national heritage'; and

WHEREAS, five state quarter dollars will be issued every year beginning in 1999 in the order in which the States ratified the Constitution or were admitted into the Union; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island was the thirteenth state to ratify the Constitution of the United States, on May 29, 1790; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island will be among the third group of five states which coins will commemorate, for release in 2001; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island is responsible for establishing a selection process and submitting coin concepts which are emblematic of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee and the Fine Arts Commission of the United States for consideration, with final approval by the Secretary of the Treasury.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINCOLN C. ALMOND, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby declare and order that:

1. Rhode Island residents are hereby encouraged to submit design concepts for consideration.
2. The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts is hereby assigned the responsibility for submitting coin concepts to the Governor.
3. The Arts Council shall solicit and receive coin concepts from Rhode Island residents for consideration.
4. The Arts Council shall organize a Coin Concept Advisory panel, to be chaired by a representative

of the Arts Council, and to consist of the President of the Rhode Island School of Design or his designee; the Chairman of the Rhode Island Historic and Preservation Commission or his designee; the President of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns or his designee; a Rhode Island numismatist; and Senator John Chafee or his designee, in recognition of his original sponsorship of the "Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program Act".

4. The Coin Concept Advisory panel shall review such coin design concepts and recommend five concepts for submission to the Governor. During this process, the panel shall:
 - (a) Give highest consideration to concepts which promote Rhode Island's rich heritage and recognize Rhode Island's historical significance among the original thirteen American colonies; and
 - (b) Abide by the federal design concept standards provided for in the Act, which are outlined in Attachment A to this Order; and
 - (c) Abide by the state design concept standards provided for in the Act, which are outlined in Attachment B to this Order; and
 - (d) Meet no later than June 11, 1999 to review the coin design concepts submitted to it; and
 - (e) Consult with Rhode Island historians, Rhode Island art and design experts, Rhode Island coin experts, and Rhode Island residents in its review of the coin design concepts; and
 - (f) Recommend five coin design concepts to the Governor no later than June 14, 1999.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 1999

Governor

Attachment B

Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program

Eligibility:

Rhode Island residents of all ages are encouraged to submit coin concepts.

Criteria:

Each coin concept must be accompanied by a written description, no longer than 100 words in length, which describes the reasons for consideration of the concept, and the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the individual who submitted the coin concept.

Individuals may submit only one coin concept.

Coin Concepts must be submitted on paper no larger than 8 1/2" x 11".

No slides, film, transparencies, or 3-dimensional designs or photography will be accepted.

Coin concepts must meet the federal design concept parameters.

Deadline:

Coin Concepts must actually be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 14, 1999. Concepts post-marked that date but not received will not be accepted.

No late entries will be accepted.

Contact;

Coin Concepts should be submitted to:

Rhode Island Coin Project
C/o Rhode Island State Council on the Arts
95 Cedar Street, Suite 103
Providence, RI 02903

(or a State House address -- preferable)