

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NO. 90-5  
ARIZONA BASEBALL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has initiated efforts to increase opportunities for professional baseball through the success of the Governor's Special Task Force on Cactus League Baseball, the Japanese Baseball Committee, and several local and regional sports organizations; and

WHEREAS, tremendous strides have been made to strengthen Cactus League baseball with significant support of the teams, booster groups, city officials, stadium owners and operators, and the business community, but the work is incomplete until we can state with confidence that spring training will be a major component of the Arizona professional sports scene through the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, the initial overtures to encourage additional Japanese Baseball teams to train in Arizona have been extremely well received by both the teams and our local communities, but complete success is a long-term process that requires continued attention and extended formal communications and activities; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has been identified as one of the most attractive locations for a Major League Baseball team when an expansion decision is made, but efforts to resolve stadium issues, determine public and private involvement, and develop a community-based strategy for preparing for expansion have yet to reach a consensus;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose Mofford, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby create the Arizona Baseball Commission and order and direct:

- 1) The Commission shall:
  - o Provide support and assistance to local and regional groups that develop and implement a public consensus and action plan to prepare Arizona as a site for a Major League Baseball expansion team.
  - o Work closely with individual teams, booster groups, public officials, stadium owners and operators, tourism and economic development agencies, the business community, and the general public to follow up on the economic, promotion and facility proposals submitted by the Cactus League Task Force.
  - o Serve as the State's official liaison with Japanese Baseball teams to encourage additional teams to consider Arizona for their minor league and pre-season training with responsibility for promoting, facilitating, and hosting all activities required for the project.
- 2) The Commission shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor.
- 3) The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among the membership.
- 4) The Chairperson shall appoint an executive committee to direct the business of the Commission.
- 5) The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.
- 6) The Commission shall submit an annual report and status reports on continuing projects as deemed necessary to the Governor. The Commission will complete its work no later than July 1, 1993.

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

  
GOVERNOR

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

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

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