



# NEW RICHMOND REPUBLIC

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

## FIRST ANNUAL ECONOMIC PLAN

*for the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 (1 RY) to the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 (2 RY)*

### *Preface from the Minister*

As we continue to find our footing following the July Socialist Revolution and the proclamation of our Republic, we must shift our focus to the areas of our society that have fallen behind under the old rule. The New Richmonder people have a beautiful, unique culture that has developed throughout the various nations which have ruled over them; so, this needs little work. The working people, through the Blair Mountain League, have brought about a new political order which prioritizes their interests and wellbeing above all else; so, this too needs little work. The New Richmonder economy, however, is a different story.

The relationship between the New Richmonder people and the so-called macronation which engulfs their Republic is one of unbridled exploitation. The New Richmond Republic is located within one of the most under-developed, under-funded, and over-exploited regions of the United States mainland; the name of our Party is a reflection of a time when our ancestors attempted to break their chains, though they were inevitably put down by the American capitalists. It is therefore apparent that the first and foremost priority of the Central People's Government ought to be the development of a small-scale socialist economy which exists purely to benefit her people, to alleviate some of the pain we intrinsically face as unwilling subjects of the American regime.

It would be naïve to assert that we can solve all our people's issues or that we can establish a self-sufficient economy that would produce enough to free us from the American yoke. However, what we can accomplish is a system that will make our lives a little easier. We can provide food to one another. We can come together to produce goods for sale to make paying our bills a little easier. We can assist one another when necessary. We can demonstrate the power of compassion for your neighbor. We can develop an economy that prioritizes people over capital, good health over profit, and compassion over exploitation.

The purpose of this Economic Plan is to begin laying the foundation for this economy. It is the shared responsibility of the Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs, the Central People's Government as a whole, the Blair Mountain League, the People's Councils, the workers and worker-directors of the state cooperative entities, and the whole New Richmonder people to work towards ensuring the success of this Plan and the attainment of its goals; for the success of this Plan is tantamount to the success of the Republic in its foremost priority and principle.

*MONTANI SEMPER LIBERI*

## **PRIMARY INITIATIVES**

### **Establishing the National Development Fund**

For the economic planning period, the Central People's Government will not mandate the collection of any form of tax from the Republic's citizenry.

The Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs (MEDFA) will mandate the creation of the National Development Fund (NDF) which citizens may voluntarily donate to in order to finance the projects and directives of the Central People's Government. MEDFA shall be responsible for ensuring complete transparency regarding the NDF through quarterly reports on all intake and expenditure. While donating to the NDF is entirely voluntary, the Central People's Government shall seek to urge citizens to give what they can. Donating to the NDF ought to be celebrated as a noble and patriotic act and shall be rewarded by the Central People's Government through the granting of state awards and other such means.

For the current economic planning period, MEDFA sets the goal of raising at least 1,000 United States Dollars (USD) – roughly 85 USD per month – through the NDF. Until this goal is met, MEDFA shall refrain from expending any funds except to accomplish the primary initiatives of this Plan or to provide financial assistance to any struggling citizen where necessary; should the goal be met prior to the conclusion of this Plan, MEDFA may choose to direct these funds to the secondary initiatives denoted in this Plan and to other such initiatives at the Minister's direction.

### **Establishing Testerman State Agricultural Cooperative**

To provide for the development of agricultural production within the Republic, MEDFA will mandate the incorporation of a state cooperative entity (SCE) which specializes in agriculture – the Testerman State Agricultural Cooperative (Testerman SAC), named for the honorable Mayor Cabell Testerman of Matewan, West Virginia who stood with the working class and was slain by the Baldwin-Felts company dogs in the Battle of Matewan.

The organization, structure, and governance of Testerman SAC shall be laid out in a cooperative charter which shall be proposed by MEDFA and approved by a vote of the workers of the cooperative in accordance with the Economic Planning and Development Act of 2021; until such time, Comrade Brooklyn Kennedy shall hold the position of acting director of the cooperative. Existing gardens and farms throughout the Republic shall be incorporated into Testerman SAC and their tenders shall be enrolled as workers thereof. The acting director of Testerman SAC shall be responsible for compiling a list of all gardens and farms which are to be incorporated into the cooperative.

Testerman SAC shall be responsible for all agricultural production within the Republic – horticultural or otherwise. In addition to the production of basic agricultural goods, the cooperative shall also be responsible for the manufacture of derivative goods such as canned

goods, preserves, dyes, wines, et cetera. Such derivative goods will be exported through a digital storefront hosted by the Central People's Government. A minimum of 300 USD shall be allocated from the NDF to Testerman SAC to purchase necessary supplies, and additional funds may be allocated by request of the director and at the discretion of the Minister.

### **Incorporating *Chakra Deity* as an SCE**

The business known as *Chakra Deity* which is currently operated as a small private business within the United States of America by Comrade Savannah Wellman will be incorporated as an SCE under the name of Chakra Deity State Metaphysical Artisans' Cooperative (Chakra Deity SMAC) with the consent of the owner. The organization, structure, and governance of Chakra Deity SMAC shall be laid out in a cooperative charter which shall be proposed by MEDFA and approved by a vote of the workers of the cooperative in accordance with the Economic Planning and Development Act of 2021; until such time, Comrade Savannah shall hold the position of acting director of the cooperative. The cooperative shall independently decide whether they wish to continue the use of its current Etsy digital storefront or if the Central People's Government should create and host a digital storefront. As Chakra Deity SMAC is already an established business, no initial allocation of funds from the NDF will be made; however, funds may be allocated by request of the director and at the discretion of the Minister.

### **Securing a domain for the Official Government Web Portal *in cooperation with the Central People's Government Press Office***

MEDFA will allocate no less than 150 USD from the NDF to the Central People's Government Press Office to purchase the domain name *newrichmondrepublic.org* for the Official Government Web Portal. Additional funding may be allocated as necessary.

## **SECONDARY INITIATIVE**

### **State projects at the direction of other Ministries**

If all primary initiatives have been accomplished and sufficient funds remain, MEDFA may allocate funds from the NDF to other ministries, agencies, or any part of the Central People's Government as to fund state projects – non-essential activities requiring the expenditure of funds which are undertaken by the Central People's Government or any part thereof to benefit the people and state. Proposed state projects include:

- *MOFAMA* – manufacturing uniforms for the Corps of Revolutionary Guards.
- *MOHA* – purchasing national flags and distributing them to populated localities.
- *MOCATA* – commissioning an arrangement and performance of the national anthem by a chorus and/or wind band.

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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**WHEREAS** the Economic Planning and Organization Act of 2021 directs the Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs to compile, publish, and oversee the implementation of annual economic plans, thereby planning the direction and overseeing the development of the New Richmonder state economy under the directive of the Central People's Government and in accordance with the ideological guidance of the Blair Mountain League;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister for Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs has compiled the preceding annual economic plan under the regulations and principles of the socialist system;

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** by the Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs, in accordance with the power vested in it by law, that this Annual Economic Plan shall take effect from the eighth day of November in the year of the Revolution the First for a period of one year unless otherwise directed by that Ministry or another relevant authority.

**DONE AT THE** City of New Richmond on the seventh day of November in the year of the Revolution the First, Two-thousand Twenty-one Anno Domini.



**COMRADE BROOKLYN KENNEDY**

Secretary-General of the Blair Mountain League

Chair of the Central Executive Committee

Minister for Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs