

STATE OF MONTANA  
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2-92

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EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIGNATING MONTANA'S  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES  
REHABILITATIVE/VISUAL SERVICES DIVISION AS  
THE LEAD AGENCY FOR SUPPORTING AND FACILITATING  
MONTANA'S ACTIVITIES IN IMPLEMENTING  
(VIA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)  
THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990,  
PUBLIC LAW 101-336.

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WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) opens the doors of opportunity for Montana's citizens with disabilities to become employees, taxpayers and welcome participants in the life of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Montana's citizens with disabilities look forward to equal access in employment, public services, transportation, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, the creation of interagency coordination within state government would serve to enhance the overall effectiveness of Montana's implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, because of the unique expertise of rehabilitation professionals employed by Montana's Rehabilitative/Visual Services Division, employers can and should look to this agency for assistance in complying with the provisions of the ADA and in hiring and accommodating individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana and pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 101-336, do hereby designate the Rehabilitative/Visual Services Division of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services as the State of Montana's lead agency for fostering the awareness, education, pro-active planning, and cooperative implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act in Montana.

I. PURPOSE

As the state of Montana's lead agency for coordinating the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Rehabilitative/Visual Services Division shall:

1. Designate at least one employee to coordinate state government's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Chapter I, Title 28, Part 35, Code of Federal regulations, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services, of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

2. Establish an interagency task force responsible for implementing ADA in state government.

3. Advise the Governor's Office concerning issues related to ADA.

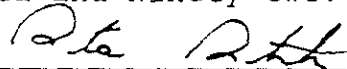
4. Promote the understanding and implementation of ADA by employers and providers of public accommodations and services throughout the state of Montana.

II. DURATION

This Order shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Order.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two.

  
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STAN STEPHENS  
Governor

ATTEST:  
  
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MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State