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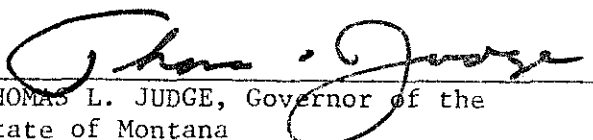
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Executive Order creating a Commission on Environmental Quality to promulgate rules under the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

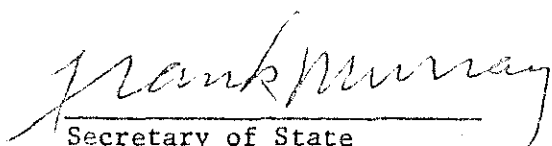
Section 69-6504, R.C.M. 1947, of the Montana Environmental Policy Act directs the agencies of state government to prepare environmental impact statements analyzing the economic, social, and environmental impacts of major state actions that will have a significant impact on the environment. A recent First Judicial District Court opinion in the case of The Montana Wilderness Association, Inc., v. Board of Land Commissioners reaffirms the mandate of the Montana Environmental Policy Act and emphasizes that the Executive Branch agencies are responsible for adopting rules to implement MEPA.

THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby create a Commission on Environmental Quality to promulgate uniform rules for implementation of the Montana Environmental Policy Act. The members of the Commission shall be Gary Wicks, Dr. John Anderson, Ted Schwinden, Wes Woodgerd, and Steve Brown, who shall serve as Chairman. I direct the Commission to work with the Environmental Quality Council, the other agencies of the Executive Branch and the public in promulgating uniform rules for adoption under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act. I also charge the Commission with the continuing responsibility of evaluating and making recommendations for changes in the rules implementing the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 30th day of April in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five.


THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the
State of Montana

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Secretary of State

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