

STATE OF MONTANA
Office of the Governor
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9-78

RESCINDED
2-1-81

Executive Order effecting hiring freeze for agencies of state government.

WHEREAS, the cost of operating government at all levels continues to increase, and

WHEREAS, Montana state government expenditures are increasing at a rate which prevents the allocation of revenues to programs which lessen the tax burden on the Montana public, and

WHEREAS, this administration is committed to providing a reduction in the tax burden of Montana citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, in accordance with the authority given to me as Governor by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, and in particular recognition of the powers granted by Article VI, Sections 4 and 8 of the Montana Constitution, and Section 82A-105, Revised Codes of Montana (1947), hereby order all of the agencies of the state government of Montana which are under my supervision to immediately impose a freeze on the hiring of personnel. The hiring freeze shall remain in effect until July 1, 1979.

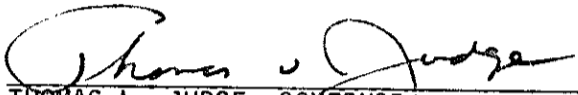
During the hiring freeze, no additional employees of state government will be hired, and vacancies caused by the departure of present employees will not be filled. The Budget Director may grant exceptions to the hiring freeze in cases involving essential health care services, security and law enforcement positions, key management positions, and necessary seasonal positions. It is my intent that these exceptions be used sparingly, and only when absolutely necessary.

The laws and Constitution of Montana do not permit me to impose this freeze upon the Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, the Montana University System, nor upon the offices of the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, or Public Service Commission. However, I urge these


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officials, as concerned and responsible members of this state government, to join with me in this vital effort to control the growth of state government and reduce the tax burden on the citizens of the State of Montana.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this tenth day of July, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-eight.


THOMAS L. JUDGE, GOVERNOR
State of Montana

ATTEST:


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