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EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON DISABILITY (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE GOVERNOR'S
COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

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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 operations of their state government; and

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WHEREAS, these opportunities are contingent on equal access to employment, services, and information provided by state agencies; and

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WHEREAS, effective compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by state government can serve as a model for employers and service providers throughout Montana; and

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WHEREAS, the compliance of state agencies with the American with Disabilities Act will be coordinated by the Department of Administration and the Department's ADA Coordinator; and

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WHEREAS, this compliance and coordination will be reinforced and enhanced through the participation and advice of concerned employees and citizens, including persons with

1 disabilities.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of
3 Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws
4 of the State of Montana, do hereby establish the Governor's
5 Advisory Council on Disability.

6 I. PURPOSE

7 The Advisory Council shall advise the Department of
8 Administration, the ADA Coordinator and the Governor's Office on
9 issues affecting the implementation of the Americans with
10 Disabilities Act in State Government, including:

11 1. recommending steps to promote the proactive
12 implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act in Montana
13 State Government with emphasis on both Title I and Title II;

14 2. recommending steps to promote the development of
15 employment opportunities for Montanans with disabilities in
16 state government agencies with the same terms, conditions and
17 privileges of employment enjoyed by other state employees;

18 3. identifying specific problems affecting the access of
19 people with disabilities to the programs, services, activities,
20 and information provided by state agencies;

21 4. identifying specific problems affecting the opportunity
22 for people with disabilities to actively participate in the
23 operation of their government;

24 5. recommending steps to insure that state government
25 provides a model for other Montana employers for compliance and
26 implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
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1 6. sharing of the information with other employers and
2 organizations, including the President's Committee on
3 Employment of Persons with Disabilities, to promote the
4 effective implementation of the Act throughout Montana.

5 II. COMPOSITION

6 The Governor shall appoint seven voting members to the
7 Advisory Council. Additional non-voting, ex-officio members may
8 be appointed as deemed necessary to represent other councils,
9 committees or programs. At least four voting members must be
10 individuals with disabilities. The membership must be drawn
11 from consumers of state government services, associations or
12 councils representing people with disabilities, and state
13 employees. The names and addresses of members who shall serve
14 at the pleasure of the Governor are submitted by separate letter
15 to the Department of Administration and the Secretary of State.

16 The Chair and Vice Chair must be elected by a vote of the
17 Advisory Council at the first meeting of the Council under this
18 Executive Order.

19 The Department of Administration shall provide
20 administrative support to the Advisory Council necessary to
21 permit the Council to conduct quarterly meetings.

22 III. DUTIES

23 The Advisory Council shall meet no less than quarterly to
24 be determined by the Council, in cooperation with the Department
25 of Administration, to assure that the Council has adequate
26 opportunity to review the activities of the ADA Coordinator and
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1 provide appropriate advice.

2 Any number of voting members constitutes a quorum.
3 Business may be conducted by a majority of the voting members
4 present.

5 IV. COMPENSATION

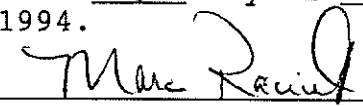
6 Council members' expenses eligible for compensation under
7 Section 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be paid by the Department of
8 Administration at the rate of \$25 for each day actually and
9 necessarily engaged in the performance of Council duties. All
10 members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to 2-
11 15-122(5), MCA.

12 V. DURATION


13 This Advisory Council remains in existence for a period of
14 two years from the effective date of this order.

15 This Order is effective immediately.

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18 Given under my hand and the GREAT
19 SEAL of the State of Montana,
20 this 16 day of June,
1994.

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MARC RACICOT, Governor

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23 ATTEST:

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25 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State
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