

**State of Montana
Office of the Governor**

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Executive Order No. 9-99

**EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE
SUMMITNET EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

12 WHEREAS, coordinated management of the state's
13 telecommunications infrastructure is an important aspect of
14 providing cost effective, essential services to the citizens of
15 Montana; and

16 WHEREAS, 2-17-502, MCA, provides for the establishment of
17 the Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC) in accordance
18 with 2-15-122, MCA, whose members must be selected from a
19 diverse group in order to adequately represent the interests of
20 state agencies, including the university system; and

21 WHEREAS, the ITAC represents the collective information
22 technology interests of the State of Montana; and

23 WHEREAS, the Information Technology Strategic Plan for the
24 State of Montana makes the following recommendations:

25 The Information Services Division (ISD) should
26 continue with the current practice of sharing network
27 facilities, with ISD regularly assessing the overall cost
28 effectiveness of providing a shared network for the

1 enterprise.

2 ISD should coordinate interagency networks (voice,
3 data, video, radio) with active input from agencies, and
4 ITAC when appropriate, on product needs and choices.

5 ITAC recommends the establishment of issue-specific
6 task forces comprised of ITAC members who would represent
7 ITAC on specific issues, including rate setting, budgetary
8 initiatives and legislative advocacy; and

9 WHEREAS, SummitNet will greatly increase access to
10 telecommunications facilities for the interconnection of the
11 State's schools, libraries, universities, tribal colleges and
12 government agencies (state and local); and

13 WHEREAS, SummitNet's primary mission is to provide a shared
14 resource which will establish a standardized networking
15 environment for the State of Montana; and

16 WHEREAS, SummitNet is a long-term, complex project of
17 importance to all of the state,

18 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of
19 Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and
20 Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby continue the
21 SummitNet Executive Council.

22 I. PURPOSE

23 The purpose of the SummitNet Executive Council is to
24 provide policy level direction for matters related to SummitNet,
25 including the following:

26 A. The Council shall provide a governance structure of
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1 shared authority within the existing statutory framework
2 regarding management of telecommunication networks.

3 B. The Council shall exercise broad authority for
4 strategic decision making with regard to SummitNet. This
5 authority shall include: 1) Policy development, 2)
6 Participation (identification of entities allowed to use
7 SummitNet), 3) Financial planning, 4) Strategic planning,
8 5) Cost recovery planning and policies, 6) Appropriate use
9 policies, 7) Development and evaluation of new networking
10 technologies, and 8) other policy issues related to
11 SummitNet as determined by the Council.

12 II. COMPOSITION

13 The Council shall consist of seven members as identified
14 below. The representatives will serve two-year terms. The
15 membership shall consist of the following:

- 16 * The Director of the Department of Administration (or
17 designee) who shall chair the Council; and
- 18 * The Commissioner of Higher Education (or designee); and
- 19 * The Superintendent of Public Instruction (or designee); and
- 20 * A representative from local government who shall be
21 appointed by the Governor; and
- 22 * Three (ITAC) members who represent state agencies and who
23 shall be appointed by the governor.

24 The members who shall serve shall be submitted by separate
25 appointment letters to the Secretary of State.

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III. DURATION

This Council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless otherwise ordered by subsequent Executive Order.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 15 day of July, 1999.

Marc Racicot
MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

Mike Cooney
MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State