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State of Montana
Office of the Governor



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Executive Order No. 10-97

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EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE SUMMITNET EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 I. PURPOSE

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

25 A. The Council shall provide a governance structure of
26 shared authority within the existing statutory framework

1 regarding management of telecommunication networks.

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

11 II. COMPOSITION

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

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

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

1 III. DURATION

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

5 This Order is effective July 1, 1997.

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9 GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
10 SEAL of the State of Montana,
 this 13th day of June, 1997.

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12 Marc Racicot
13 MARC RACICOT, Governor

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15 ATTEST:

16 Mike Cooney
17 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State