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**State of Montana**  
**Office of the Governor**



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**Executive Order No. 12-98**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE  
GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

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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

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

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

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

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

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

5 I. PURPOSE

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

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

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

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

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

23 5. recommending steps to insure that state government  
24 provides a model for other Montana employers for compliance and  
25 implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

26 6. sharing of the information with other employers and  
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1 organizations, including the President's Committee on  
2 Employment of Persons with Disabilities, to promote the  
3 effective implementation of the Act throughout Montana.

4 II. COMPOSITION

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

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

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

21 III. DUTIES

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

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

4 IV. COMPENSATION

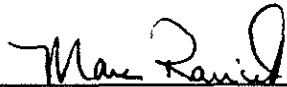
5 Council members' expenses eligible for compensation under  
6 Section 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be paid by the Department of  
7 Administration at the rate of \$25 for each day actually and  
8 necessarily engaged in the performance of Council duties. All  
9 members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses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

11 V. DURATION

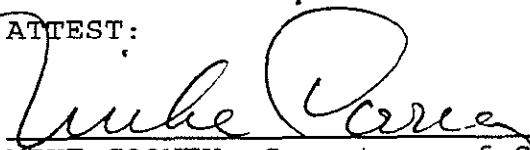
12 This Advisory Council remains in existence for a period of  
13 two years from the effective date of this order.

14 This Order is effective immediately.

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17 GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT  
18 SEAL of the State of Montana,  
19 this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1998.

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23 MARC RACICOT, Governor

24 ATTEST:

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27 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State  
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