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OF MONTANA

**State of Montana
Office of the Governor**



Executive Order No. 15-99

**EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON TOBACCO USE PREVENTION**

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11 WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable
12 death in Montana and accounts for approximately 1,500 deaths
13 annually, nearly 20 percent of all deaths; and

14 WHEREAS, tobacco use has been identified as a cause of lung
15 cancer, emphysema, oral cancer, asthma, cardiovascular disease
16 and other diseases; and

17 WHEREAS, disease related to tobacco use places an
18 unacceptable financial burden on Montana residents and Montana
19 state government; and

20 WHEREAS, a statewide tobacco use prevention program can be
21 effective in reducing tobacco consumption in Montana and in
22 improving the health of Montanans; and

23 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Human Services
24 has received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and
25 Prevention (CDC) and from the national settlement with the
26 tobacco industry to establish a comprehensive tobacco use
27 prevention program; and

28 WHEREAS, the establishment of an effective, sustained,

1 comprehensive tobacco use prevention program requires the
2 cooperation and advice of state and local policy makers, the
3 health care and public health communities, businesses,
4 educators, and private citizens.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, I MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of
6 Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 2-
7 15-122, MCA, do hereby create the Governor's Council on Tobacco
8 Use Prevention.

9 I. PURPOSE

10 The purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the
11 Department of Public Health and Human Services in the
12 implementation of a comprehensive tobacco use prevention
13 program, in the expenditure of funds from the CDC tobacco
14 prevention grant and from the tobacco settlement funding
15 allocated to the Department, and in assuring ongoing
16 coordination with other prevention programs.

17 II. COMPOSITION

18 The Council shall be composed of the Director of the
19 Department of Public Health and Human Services or the director's
20 designee and not more than twenty five additional members, who
21 shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and who shall
22 represent the interests of the following groups: the Montana
23 House of Representatives, the Montana Senate, the American Lung
24 Association of the Northern Rockies, the Idaho/Montana Region of
25 the American Heart Association, the Western Pacific Division of
26 the American Cancer Society, the Montana Medical Association,

1 the Montana Dental Association, county health officers, local
2 tobacco coalitions, Montana Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids,
3 Montana School Boards Association, MHA...An Association of
4 Health Care Providers, Montana's youth, Montana Public Health
5 Association, Montana Nurses Association, Tobacco Free Montana
6 Coalition, Montana law enforcement, Montana Association of
7 Counties, private business, senior citizens, Montana's American
8 Indians and the Indian Health Service.

9 The Council is attached to the Health Policy and Services
10 Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services
11 for administrative purposes. The names of the members shall be
12 submitted by separate appointment letters to the Secretary of
13 State.

14 III. COMPENSATION

15 Compensation to Council members shall be as provided by
16 Section 2-15-122(S), MCA.

17 IV. DURATION

18 The Council shall exist for a period of two years from the
19 effective date of this order. This order is effective
20 immediately.

21 GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
22 SEAL of the State of Montana,
this 22 day of September, 1999.

23 Marc Racicot
24 MARC RACICOT, Governor

25 ATTEST:

26 Mike Cooney
27 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State
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