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STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16-88

OF MONTANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE
ADULT LITERACY COORDINATING ADVISORY COUNCIL
ALSO KNOWN AS
THE JOINT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION/GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
TASK FORCE ON ADULT LITERACY

WHEREAS, it is currently estimated some 23 million American adults cannot read or write beyond a fourth-grade level and 30 million more cannot read or write beyond an eighth-grade level; and

WHEREAS, in Montana, nearly 70,000 citizens age 16 and above have not gone beyond the eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, some 6,500 Montanans either have no formal education or have completed four years of formal education or less; and

WHEREAS, the competitiveness of the United States in the world marketplace is dependent upon a literate work force, but fewer than one in four new employees will be able to function at necessary levels; and

WHEREAS, as much as 75% of the United States workforce may not be able to compete for 60% of new jobs being developed, thus stagnating employment productivity and increasing dependency; and

WHEREAS, conquering illiteracy is a democratic necessity for future development and progress and for our individual contributions to the ideals of equality in the state of Montana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TED SCHWINDEN, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, specifically Section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby create the Adult Literacy Coordinating Council, also known as the joint Public Instruction/Governor's Office Task Force on Adult Literacy.

I. PURPOSE

The Council shall, in conjunction with the Office of Public Instruction and various public and private agencies, determine the need for adult literacy services and develop coordinated strategies to reduce the incidence of adult illiteracy in Montana. The Council is charged to:

- a. gather data in order to determine the extent of the adult literacy problem in Montana and the population segments to be targeted;
- b. determine the social, cultural and economic costs of illiteracy in Montana;
- c. define what constitutes adult literacy in Montana, specifically to identify a literacy goal stated in measurable terms;
- d. coordinate the various statewide literacy efforts, in part, by developing an information and referral network;
- e. expand public awareness of the need for and sources of adult literacy assistance; and
- f. recommend policies and initiatives to marshal the state's resources to address unserved citizens needing adult literacy assistance.

The Council shall present recommendations to the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by September 1, 1989.

II. COMPOSITION

The following members shall serve terms of one year and at the pleasure of the Governor:

Senator Chet Blaylock
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Representative Richard Nelson
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Bozeman, MT 59717

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Gallatin Valley Literacy Council
Bozeman, MT 59715

The Chairman of the Montana Low-Income
Coalition (or her designee)
29 South Ewing
Helena, MT 59601

III. TRAVEL

The Council budget is limited to \$7,000 for its first year of operation paid by Montana State Library, through an Adult Education Act experimental demonstration grant.

IV. DURATION

The Council will exist from November 1, 1988 - October 31, 1989.

GIVEN under my hand and GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, in
this 9 day of December, in the
year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine
Hundred and Eighty-Eight.


TED SCHWINDEN, Governor

ATTEST:


VERNER L. BERTELSEN, Secretary of State