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**Executive Order No. 16-94**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE GOVERNOR'S  
HIV/AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), claims a life in the United States every fifteen minutes, is the leading cause of death for men between the ages 25-44 and the fourth leading cause of death for women between the ages of 25-44; and

WHEREAS, Montana State Government has a significant interest in protecting the public health; and

WHEREAS, Montana has both the opportunity and the obligation to provide a constructive response to this HIV epidemic; and

WHEREAS, such a response necessarily requires the commitment and resources of all levels of government coupled with a firm partnership with the private sector in order to effectively stem the spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 "Report to the Governor: Montana

1 Responds to HIV/AIDS" and previous AIDS advisory councils  
2 have recommended the multiplicity of issues that transcend  
3 the singular responsibility of any one state agency; and

4 WHEREAS, the need for an advisory and leadership  
5 mechanism is critical for an effective and publicly  
6 supported response to a very serious public health issue.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State  
8 of Montana, by the authority vested in me by Article VI,  
9 Section 4 of the Montana Constitution, and Section 2-15-201,  
10 MCA, do hereby establish the Governor's HIV/AIDS Advisory  
11 Council.

12 I. PURPOSE

13 The Council shall:

- 14 A. provide the leadership required to recommend  
15 public policy that assures the initiation,  
16 coordination, promotion, implementation and evaluation  
17 of services and activities that can effectively arrest  
18 the spread of the HIV infection and provide humane  
19 treatment for those that are or become infected; and  
20 B. specifically review the document entitled "A  
21 Report the Governor: Montana Responds to HIV/AIDS" and  
22 to focus their initial efforts on responding to the  
23 recommendations contained therein.

24 II. DUTIES

25 The Department of Health and Environmental Sciences  
26 shall organize Regional HIV Prevention Community Planning  
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1 groups according to the Governor's Health Planning Districts  
2 and in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control's HIV  
3 Prevention Community Planning process guidance. These  
4 regional planning groups shall submit recommendations for a  
5 comprehensive Montana HIV prevention plan to the Council for  
6 review.

7 III. COMPOSITION

8 The names and addresses of members who shall serve at  
9 the pleasure of the Governor are submitted by separate  
10 letter to the Department of Health and Environmental  
11 Sciences and the Secretary of State. Staff support shall be  
12 provided by the Department of Health and Environmental  
13 Sciences.

14 This Order is effective immediately.

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16 Given under my hand and the  
17 GREAT SEAL of the State of  
18 Montana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 1994.

19 Marc Racicot  
20 MARC RACICOT, Governor

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22 ATTEST:

23 Mike Cooney  
24 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State  
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