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Executive Order No. 16-98

EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE
MONTANA FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature authorized the State of Montana to apply for funding to implement the state grant program for infants and toddlers as established under the Education of Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986, PL 99-457, (renamed and amended under its reauthorization in July, 1997, as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, PL 105-17); and

WHEREAS, the Disabilities Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services has been designated the lead agency for early intervention and family support services provided for under Title 1, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for participation in the state grant program for infants and toddlers the Governor must appoint an Interagency Coordinating Council of at least 15 members to advise the Disabilities Services Division regarding issues of early intervention and family support in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Family Support Services Advisory Council

1 exists to advise the Disabilities Services Division regarding
2 the State of Montana's intent to continue to implement a
3 statewide, comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, coordinated
4 program of early intervention and family support services for
5 children aged birth to five, inclusive, and their families.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of
7 Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the
8 constitution and laws of the State of Montana, do hereby
9 continue the Montana Family Support Services Advisory Council.

10 I. PURPOSE

11 The Council shall carry out all duties assigned pursuant to
12 Public Law 105-17 and amendments thereto.

13 II. COMPOSITION

14 The names and addresses of members who shall serve at the
15 pleasure of the Governor are submitted by separate letter to the
16 Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Secretary
17 of State.

18 III. DURATION

19 This Council shall exist for a period of two years from the
20 effective date of this Order unless otherwise rescinded or
21 extended by subsequent executive order. This Order is effective
22 immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana,
this 14th day of September, 1998.

Marc Racicot
MARC RACICOT, Governor

25 ATTEST:-

26 Mike Cooney
MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State