

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

Whereas, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), claims a life in the United States every thirty-seven minutes and is the fifth leading cause of death for men and women between the ages 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 the disease; and

Whereas, the 1994 "Report to the Governor: Montana Responds to HIV/AIDS" and the previous AIDS advisory councils have acknowledged HIV/AIDS transcends the singular responsibility of any one state agency; and

Whereas, the need for an advisory and leadership mechanism is critical for an effective and publicly supported response to this very serious public health issue.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, by
2 the authority vested in me by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Montana, do
3 hereby continue the Governor's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council.

4
5 I. PURPOSE

6 The Council shall provide the leadership required to recommend public policy to
7 the Governor and department directors concerning the initiation, coordination,
8 promotion, implementation, and evaluation of services and activities that can effectively
9 arrest the spread of the HIV infection and provide humane treatment for those who are
10 or become infected.

11 II. DUTIES

12
13 The Council shall be an informed body that collaborates with other entities
14 involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, education, and treatment. It will assist in identifying
15 emerging issues; it will analyze and develop positions that advance public policy and
16 actions; and it will strive to improve public relations and perceptions about HIV/AIDS.

17 The Governor's HIV/AIDS Advisory Council will provide the leadership required in
18 promoting services and activities that effectively arrest the spread of HIV infection and
19 provide humane treatment for infected persons.

20 The Council shall meet regularly at the call of its Chair to seek information,
21 discuss strategies to fulfill its purpose, and act in its discretion to carry out the decisions
22 it reaches.

23 III. COMPOSITION

24 The Council shall have no more than sixteen appointed members. The names
25 and addresses of members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, are

1 submitted by separate letter to the Department of Public Health and Human Services
2 and the Secretary of State. The Department of Public Health and Human Services shall
3 provide staff support.
4

5 IV. DURATION

6 The council shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this
7 Order unless extended, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Executive Order. This
8 Order is effective immediately.
9

10 V. COMPENSATION

11 Compensation to council members shall be as provided in MCA section 2-15-
12 122(5).
13
14

15 GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Montana this 17th day
16 of March in the year Two Thousand and Five, A.D.
17

18 

19 Brian Schweitzer, Governor

20 Attest:

21 

22 Brad Johnson, Secretary of State
23
24
25