



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Constitution recognizes that all persons "are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights"; and

WHEREAS, our society should be committed to liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the laws of Wisconsin prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Governor to execute the law faithfully; and

WHEREAS, a Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues would be of assistance in advising the Governor and executive branch agencies on measures to eliminate discrimination against and victimization of lesbians and gays in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY S. EARL, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 14.019 of Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Establish the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues;
2. Provide that the Council shall be comprised of fourteen members achieving gender parity, minority representation and cultural diversity;
3. Provide that members shall be appointed by the Governor to serve for a two year term;
4. Instruct the Council to consult with lesbian and gay organizations and individuals in identifying community needs and concerns;
5. Instruct the Council to cooperate with those agencies of state government responsible for public and private employment, in particular the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, the Department of Employment Relations and the Department of Regulation and Licensing to ensure that both employers and employees are aware of the statutory provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation;
6. Instruct the Council to cooperate with agencies of state government, particularly the Department of Health and Social Services, to ensure that state funded services are provided in a non-discriminatory manner to lesbians and gay men;

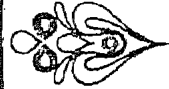
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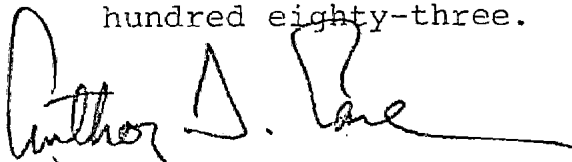


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7. Instruct the Council to cooperate with educational institutions and public media to present information which shows the contributions lesbians and gays have made and continue to make to our society;
8. Instruct the Council to make such recommendations as it deems appropriate from time to time and to prepare an annual report;
9. Instruct the Council to advocate for lesbian and gay interests in general areas of concern throughout the state;
10. Instruct the Council to make recommendations on improving the public and personal safety of gays and lesbians;
11. Provide that the Governor shall designate from the Council membership two co-chairpersons;
12. Provide that the Council shall adopt such rules concerning its operating procedures as it deems appropriate;
13. Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Council with sums of money that are necessary and proper for the legitimate travel and operating expenses of the Council as provided by the Joint Committee on Finance under section 20.505(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.



ANTHONY S. EARL