



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83

WHEREAS, approximately 11% of Wisconsin's population is handicapped by a physical disability which limits their access to public and private buildings;

WHEREAS, buildings which are not designed to provide accessibility to such individuals represent a denial of basic civil rights and prevent a significant minority from receiving essential public services;

WHEREAS, all design professionals and all heads of State governmental agencies must consider the need to make our Wisconsin State facilities accessible to the total citizenry of the State in their future planning;

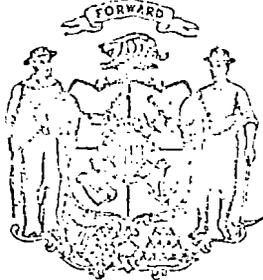
AND WHEREAS, the efforts described herein are an extension of the State's commitment to planning for accessible state facilities, as expressed in the 1975-77 budget instructions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

- 1) That all planning of new state facilities shall incorporate a commitment to barrier free design to afford usability by all people, including those with sight, hearing, and physical mobility problems;
- 2) That agencies which provide services to the public shall investigate and incorporate all practical management changes, such as changes in location of office space, which will provide more complete accessibility to the public;
- 3) That the Department of Administration shall establish criteria for the purpose of evaluating and identifying means of making existing state facilities more accessible for people with physical disabilities; establish priorities within a long range program to reflect responsible budget control and measurable accomplishment in this effort; and make recommendations to the Building Commission regarding actions to implement this program of providing accessibility to state facilities for people with physical disabilities, commencing in the 1975-77 budget period.
- 4) That, in cooperation with the Department of Administration, all state agencies shall intensify their efforts in making state facilities more accessible to people with physical disabilities, perform surveys of their facilities and provide whatever information is required to carry out the intent of this order.

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5) That all State facilities which are accessible shall be clearly designated by the international symbol of accessibility.

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 nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

PATRICK J. LUCEY
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

