

  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

EXECUTIVE ORDER #19

WHEREAS, the rights of persons with developmental disabilities are often denied, abridged or imperiled; and persons with developmental disabilities have a right to appropriate treatment, services and habilitation so that their basic human rights are meaningful; and

WHEREAS, "the Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act," as codified in 42 U.S.C. s. 6012, was enacted in part to promote the development of a state-wide system to protect and advocate the rights of persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. s. 6012 requires that in order to receive federal funds for programs for the developmentally disabled, a state must have in effect a system that protects and advocates for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities with the following characteristics: first, the authority to pursue a variety of remedies to insure the protection of the rights of such persons; independence from any agency which provides treatment, services or habilitation to persons with developmental disabilities; and third, independence from a state planning council such as the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy is presently serving as the agency in Wisconsin to provide protective and advocacy services for the developmentally disabled as required by federal law and furthermore, it meets the criteria of 42 U.S.C. s. 6012;

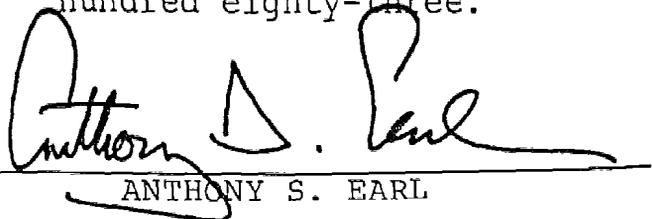
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY S. EARL, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, as required by 42 U.S.C. 6012 designate the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy as the Wisconsin Protection and Advocacy Agency for the developmentally disabled with the primary purpose of advocating and protecting the legal and human rights of developmentally disabled people throughout the state of Wisconsin.

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 28th day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.

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ANTHONY S. EARL