

STATE DOCUMENT



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #75

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Committee
for People with Disabilities

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has struggled to improve the lives of its citizens with disabilities and is committed to long-term support programs to enhance their lives by encouraging independence and participation in their community; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's disabled represent more than 11 percent of the population and are the largest of the minorities, some of which are in need of health and social services, housing, transportation, education, employment and recreation; and

WHEREAS, further progress should be made toward developing priority issues for a "disability agenda for Wisconsin" for the 1990s;

WHEREAS, although Executive Order #1 (dated January 1, 1987) re-created the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities, the Committee's structure and charge requires further action;

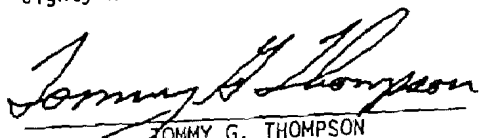
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute section 14.019, do hereby repeal Executive order 37 (dated December 2, 1983) and re-establish:

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

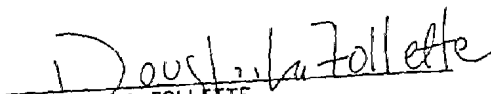
1. The Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities shall:
 - a. advise the Governor and state agencies on problems faced by people with disabilities;
 - b. review legislation and advise the Governor about legislation affecting people with disabilities;
 - c. suggest to the Governor and state agencies ways to enhance the effective operations of publicly and privately administered or supported programs serving people with disabilities;
 - d. promote the goal of self-sufficiency for people with disabilities;
 - e. promote the collection, dissemination and incorporation of adequate information about persons with disabilities into public planning at all levels of government;

- f. promote public awareness of needs and abilities of people with disabilities;
- g. encourage the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.
2. The Committee shall consist of not more than 20 members, appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure, selected from Wisconsin residents with disabilities and others having a demonstrated interest in the concerns of all disability groups. A majority of members shall be people with disabilities. Of the 20 members, the Governor shall appoint one member from each of the following: (1) Council on Blindness, (2) Council for the Hearing Impaired, (3) Council for the Developmentally Disabled, (4) Council on Mental Health, (5) Citizens Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.
3. All state agencies shall give full cooperation and assistance to the Committee by:
- a. providing information on programs, policies, procedures, practices and services affecting the lives of people with disabilities;
 - b. making recommendations to the Committee;
 - c. attending meetings and providing assistance as may be needed by the Committee;
 - d. communicating concerns of the Committee to their agencies;
4. The Committee shall be attached to the Department of Health and Social Services for administrative and budget purposes.

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 first day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

