



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



EXECUTIVE ORDER 37

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 and are disadvantaged in health and social services, housing, transportation, education, employment and recreation; and

WHEREAS, barriers still exist which deprive people with disabilities of their rights as citizens and prevent their full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, further progress should be made in Wisconsin during the Decade of Disabled Persons toward achieving the following long-term goals of and for people with disabilities promoted during International Year of Disabled Persons: (1) expanded educational opportunities; (2) improve access to housing, buildings and transportation; (3) expanded employment opportunities; (4) expanded participation in recreation, social and cultural activities; (5) expanded and strengthened rehabilitation programs and facilities; (6) reduction in the incidence of disabilities by expanding accident and disease prevention; (7) expanded application of technology to minimize the effect of disabilities;

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

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1. The Governor's Committee for People With Disabilities shall:
 - a. advise the Governor, the Legislature and state agencies on problems faced by people with disabilities;
 - b. review legislation and advise about legislation affecting people with disabilities;
 - c. promote the effective operation of publicly administered or supported programs serving people with disabilities;
 - d. promote the collection, dissemination and incorporation of adequate information about persons with disabilities into public planning at all levels of government;
 - e. promote public awareness of the needs and abilities of people with disabilities;
 - f. encourage the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.

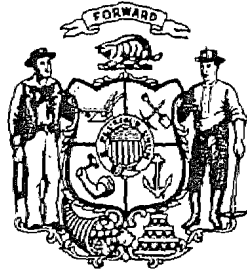
2. The Committee shall consist of a representative body of no more than 30 members, selected from Wisconsin people with disabilities and others having a demonstrated interest in problems associated with different disabilities. A majority of members shall be people with disabilities and parents and guardians of children with disabilities.

3. All state agencies shall give full cooperation and assistance to the Committee by:

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- 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 will assume responsibility for the functions of the former Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.
 5. The Committee shall be attached to the Department of Health and Social Services for administrative and budget purposes.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Madison this day, December 2, 1983

ANTHONY S. EARL

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State