

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 3-2007

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING A GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC
SECURITY FOR MONTANA FAMILIES

Whereas, family economic security is fundamental for strong Montana families, stable and healthy communities and a vibrant state economy; and

Whereas, private for-profit, private non-profit, educational and governmental entities have a role to play in partnership with Montana families to assist in achieving family economic security; and

Whereas, poverty is a persistent and daily reality for too many Montanans and many Montana families are working multiple jobs and increasing hours without achieving economic stability.

Now, therefore, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws and the Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby create "The Governor's Advisory Council on Economic Security for Montana's Families."

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to advise the Governor and state agencies on creating and enhancing family economic security. Specifically, the Council shall advise the Governor and state agencies on:

- A. Strategies and mechanisms to overcome barriers to achieving family economic security, including low-wages, the high cost of basic necessities, predatory lending and credit practices, and the persistent poverty found within the eight tribal nations of Montana.
- B. Strategies and mechanisms to coordinate and improve publicly-funded economic assistance programs, including TANF, energy assistance, nutrition programs and child support enforcement.
- C. Strategies and mechanisms to create partnerships between the public and private sectors, which will encourage the development of assets for low-income families.
- D. Resources available to address the barriers to economic security and the extent to which those resources are available and can be leveraged throughout the State of Montana

COMPOSITION:

The Council shall consist of not more than 15 members, appointed by and, serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, the Director of the Department of Commerce and a designee of the Governor's office shall serve as ex-officio members. The Council is attached to the Governor's Office of Economic Development for administrative purposes.

The names and addresses of the members shall be submitted to the Secretary of State and the Governor's Office of Economic Development by separate letter.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND REPORT:

The Advisory Council shall meet as required to fulfill its purpose. On or before July 1, 2008, it shall recommend to the Governor, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Office of Economic Development effective strategies to alleviate poverty and eliminate or reduce barriers faced by families in achieving economic stability and financial literacy.

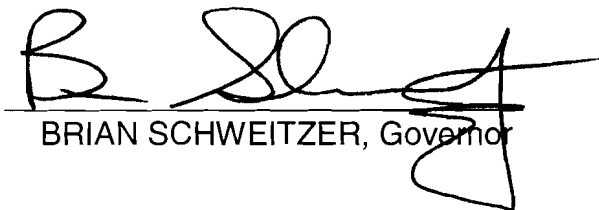
COMPENSATION:

Council members eligible for compensation under § 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be compensated by the Office of Economic Development in an amount to be determined by the Office head for each day in which the member is actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of Council duties. All members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to § 2-15-122(5), MCA.

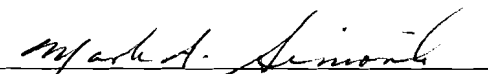
DURATION:

This Executive Order is effective immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect for two years from the effective date unless extended or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

Given under hand and the Great Seal of the State of Montana this 22nd day of February, 2007.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:


for BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State