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EXECUTIVE ORDER

CONTINUING THE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Statewide Independent Living Council (the "Council").

1. Background and Need

The State of Colorado operates an independent living rehabilitation program funded under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and authorized under C.R.S. §§ 26-8.1-101 to 26-8.1-106. Sections 704 and 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, require the State to establish the Statewide Independent Living Council. The Council acts in partnership with Colorado Rehabilitation Services to help plan independent living programs in the State.

2. Membership and Organization

The Council shall consist of not more than twenty-three (23) members appointed for three-year terms. All members serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Except for a director of a center for independent living chosen by the directors of centers for independent living within the State, the Governor appoints the members. The members shall be composed of: at least one director of a center for independent living; advocates of and for individuals with disabilities; representatives from private businesses; representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities; representatives from other State agencies that provide services for individuals with disabilities and other appropriate individuals. As ex-officio, nonvoting member: a representative from Colorado Rehabilitation Services. The Governor shall appoint the Council Chairperson.

3. Duties

The Council shall:

- a. Jointly develop and submit (in conjunction with Colorado Rehabilitation Services) the State Plan for Independent Living Services, as required by C.R.S. § 26-8.1-106;

- b. Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan;
- c. Coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other federal law;
- d. Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided;
- e. Submit to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration such periodic reports as the Commissioner may reasonably request; and
- f. Keep records that allow the Commissioner to verify such reports.

4. Directive

- a. The Statewide Independent Living Council is hereby continued.
- b. This Executive Order shall repeal and supercede all previous Executive Orders pertaining to the Statewide Independent Living Council and specifically Executive Order B 012 94.

5. Duration

The Council shall continue in existence until December 31, 2007, unless it is either terminated or extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this ___ day of
December, 2004.

Bill Owens
Governor