



EXECUTIVE ORDER 88-7
ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND
FAMILIES; AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84-11

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, families and children are truly our most precious social resource because they are responsible for perpetuating the basic goals and values which bind a society together; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota families reflect a richness of ethnic diversity and family styles which need to be supported and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, rapid and radical changes in society have brought new pressures and challenges to today's families, and especially to the children in these families; and

WHEREAS, public policy toward families and children is of the utmost importance because of the demonstrable effects on the family by the actions of major social institutions, including all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, public policy should be designed to combat harmful effects upon the family by all such activities, just as programs which actively service family needs should be devised and implemented; and

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WHEREAS, the current Governor's Council on Families and Children should be strengthened and its work expanded;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that a Governor's Council on Children, Youth, and Families be created to propose policies to improve services for children and families. The Council will be administered by the Department of Human Services.

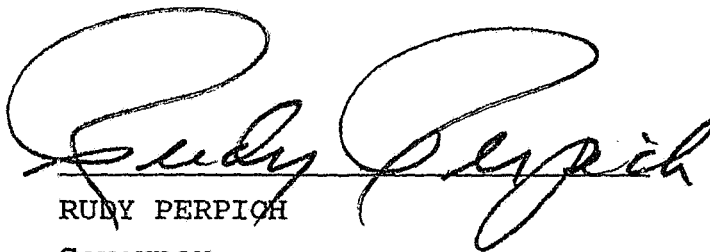
1. The Council shall advise the Governor on the development of state policies that strengthen and support the ability of parents to care for children and that provide families with those preventive and other supports that contribute to children's well-being.
2. The Council shall consist of the following members: the Commissioner of Human Services, Commissioner of Health, Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Jobs and Training, Commissioner of Finance, and the Commissioner of State Planning or their designees. Two legislators may be appointed, one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the other by the Majority Leader of the Senate. Seven citizens-at-large shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services to serve as members.
3. The Commissioner of Human Services may appoint a chair from among the members who are citizens-at-large.
4. Any state agency not formally represented on the Council may send a representative to serve in an ex-officio capacity to assist the Council in its work. State agencies may also provide such information or support as may be helpful to enable the Council to carry out its work.
5. The Council shall have the following powers:
 - a. to propose child and family policies on issues that are broad-based, comprehensive, and require interagency collaboration;

- b. to make recommendations to improve the coordination of program and fiscal resources of state and local, public and private services to children and their families;
 - c. to facilitate access to services by all children and families;
 - d. to promote legislative action on behalf of children and families;
 - e. to conduct or sponsor research for the purpose of monitoring, evaluating, or redirecting existing services and programs or for developing new programs;
 - f. to accept and expend any grants, awards, or other funds or appropriations as may be available to the Council to effectuate the purposes of the Council;
 - g. to perform all other activities necessary to carry out the functions, powers, and duties of the Council.
6. The Council shall have the following duties:
- a. to submit a written report to the Governor no later than October 1, 1988, and annually thereafter, setting forth the recommendations and activities of the Council on matters within its scope;
 - b. to meet on a regular basis to implement the purposes of this article and to establish task forces, when needed, to carry out its duties;
 - c. to conduct public meetings and hearings to promote its agenda and to seek public input;
 - d. to receive recommendations for interagency study and action from state agencies and report back to these bodies with their findings;

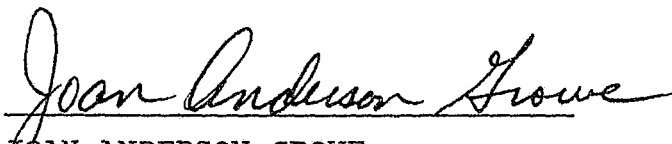
- e. to establish an annual legislative platform; and
 - f. to provide information and support to parents and service providers to enable them to use government services for children more effectively.
7. The Commissioner of Human Services shall appoint a full-time executive director who may employ such other personnel as may be necessary for the operation of the Council.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this Order shall be effective July 1, 1988 and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 30th day of June, 1988.

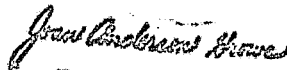

RUDY PERPICH
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