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EXECUTIVE ORDER 11-02

**SUPERSEDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 91-02
AMENDING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON HIV/AIDS**

WHEREAS, it has been thirty years since the first acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) diagnosis in the United States; and

WHEREAS, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus which causes AIDS, is one of the most significant public health issues facing the citizens of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the public issues around HIV infection and AIDS are constantly changing as the epidemic progresses in our state; and

WHEREAS, research and development of anti-viral medication has allowed those infected with HIV, to live longer, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, government, private industry, schools, health professions, community groups and citizens must each play a role in preventing the spread of infection and in assuring effective delivery of human services and health care for individuals infected with HIV; and

WHEREAS, an advisory council comprised of individuals from varied backgrounds and expertise will improve cooperation between diverse segments of the state in preventing the spread of HIV by raising public awareness of the epidemic and by improving services to those already infected; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 91-02 created the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby amend the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, as follows:

- 1) The Advisory Council has the following duties:
 - Assist the Governor and Secretary of the Department of Health in developing sound state policies on the HIV epidemic,
 - Review and make recommendations about the proposed HIV/AIDS related programs and legislation developed or presented by government agencies or other groups,
 - Identify gaps in existing HIV/AIDS programs and services and
 - Provide the Governor and Secretary of the Department of Health with a forum in which to debate issues related to HIV/AIDS.

- 2) The Advisory Council shall be composed of not more than twenty members, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health. Members shall be representative of persons with HIV/AIDS, public health, health care professions, state/local government, educators, citizens groups, community-based service agencies, and other interested persons from the public and private sectors. Four members of the Legislature, two from the House and two from the Senate, shall serve as ex-officio members of the Council.
- 3) Terms of membership shall be three years. Members may be appointed for subsequent terms. If a member resigns before completion of a term, a new member may be appointed to serve out the remainder of the term. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Department of Health.
- 4) The Council shall appoint a chair from among the voting members, shall determine its organization and shall adopt any procedural rules. The Council may create sub-committees as needed to address specific issues related to HIV/AIDS. Sub-committees may include non-members.
- 5) The Department of Health shall provide administrative support to the Council.

This Executive Order, which amends and supersedes Executive Order 91-02, shall take effect immediately.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington, on this 15th day of September, 2011, at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary of State