EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79-17

Providing for the Establishment of a Governor's Task Force on Families; Repealing Executive Order No. 174

I, Albert H. Quie, 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 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, rapid and radical changes in society have brought new pressures and challenges to today's families; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota families reflect a richness of ethnic diversity and family styles, and,

WHEREAS, public policy toward the family is of the utmost importance because of the demonstrable effects on the family of the actions of business, other social institutions, and 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 serve family
needs should be devised and implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:


   a. Said Task Force to consist of 15 members representative of a broad spectrum of Minnesota citizens, with emphasis on people with a strong commitment to families as well as experience in working for the community good.

2. The purpose of the Task Force is to review ways in which existing policies and programs are affecting families and to recommend legislative and executive actions which can be supportive of families.

3. The Council for the Economic Status of Women shall act as the personnel and fiscal agent for the Task Force and the Task Force may accept and utilize any public or private funds to fulfill its responsibilities. The Task Force is designated as the agency to apply for, receive, and accept federal funds available to fulfill its responsibilities.

This order repeals Executive Order 174.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 4.035, this order shall be effective 15 days after its publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Section 4.035 or 15.0593.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this ____ day of February 1979.

Albert H. Quie, Governor

Filed According to Law:

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Secretary of State