



# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27

WHEREAS, children and families are important segments of human society, and are under constant external and internal challenge; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin wishes to demonstrate its respect and concern for children and families; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of family units, governmental entities, educational institutions, legal and economic systems, health care providers, and volunteer groups toward children and families and the effect of their policies on the family must be examined; and

WHEREAS, information on the status of the Wisconsin family, on the strengths that help families to function, and on the stresses that affect all families should be shared and, on the basis of this information, recommendations may be formulated that will help us realize our goal of strengthening the family in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this aforementioned family emphasis, the State of Wisconsin wishes to call attention to the unique role of children as family members and future citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is a particular need for state, national, and global emphasis on children's rights: the right to education, name and nationality; the right to develop individual abilities; the right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal good will; and the right to enjoy these entitlements regardless of race, color, sex, physical or mental ability, religion, or social origin; and

WHEREAS, because children have individual rights and because they will be our future leaders and are the hope of tomorrow, we must endeavor to promote for them a high quality of life -- life unfettered by poverty, hunger, ignorance, and injustice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 14.019, Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby

- (1) Create a Governor's Advisory Council on Children and Families charged with organizing and promoting activities for the "International Year of the Child", and charged with calling attention to the resources available to promote and strengthen American family life given the constraints on government as we know them today;

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- (2) Charge the Advisory Council with the responsibility to organize and promote a Governor's Conference on Children and Families in accordance with the following goals and purposes.
  - (a) to recognize the family as a valuable caring and sharing unit, responsible for the well-being of family members;
  - (b) to recognize the richness and cultural diversity of Wisconsin families and to respect this diversity as a strength;
  - (c) to explore the relationship between families and institutions and to examine the impact of institutional policies on the family;
  - (d) to examine the role of government, business, and church in assisting families;
  - (e) to support family self-help efforts by recognizing their natural strengths; and
  - (f) to develop informal community support systems so vital to today's families.
- (3) Approve and endorse an organization of local citizen committees to work in cooperation with the Advisory Council to carry out specific functions prior to, during, and after the Governor's Conference;

The State Advisory Council shall also be responsible for:

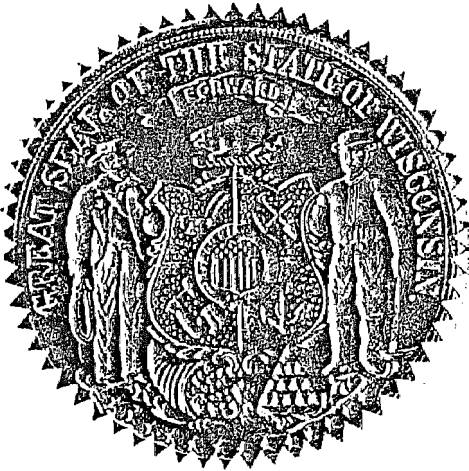
- (1) Planning and promoting State observance of the year 1979-80 as the International Year of the Child. The Advisory Council shall coordinate its efforts with local, State, national, and international organizations, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- (2) Fostering within the State of Wisconsin a better understanding of the needs of children. In particular, the Advisory Council shall give special attention to the health, education, social environment, physical and emotional development, legal rights and needs of children that are unique to them.
- (3) Conducting studies, inquiries, hearings, and meetings as it deems necessary. It may assemble and disseminate information, issue reports and other publications. It may also coordinate, sponsor, or oversee projects, studies, events, and other activities that it deems necessary or desirable for the observance of 1979-80 children and families' activities.

  
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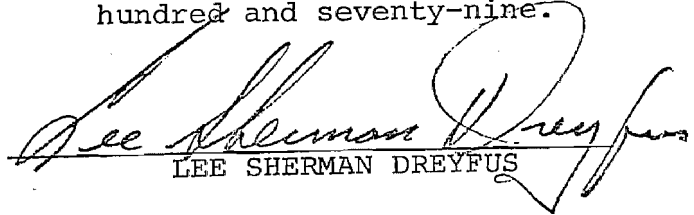
I do hereby appoint Adeline Gunderson as Chairperson of the Governor's Advisory Council on Children and Families and Chairperson of Wisconsin's International Year of the Child activities.

In order to facilitate the work and responsibilities of the State Advisory Council, appropriate citizen committees may be established by Adeline Gunderson, and Donald Percy, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, and I do hereby

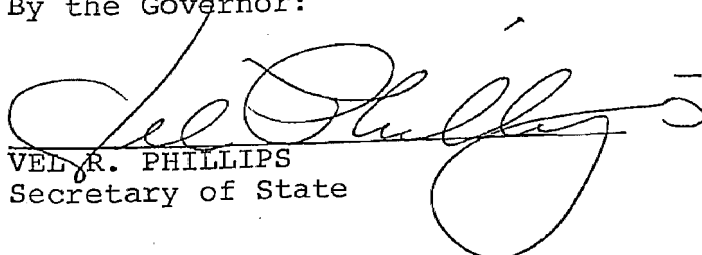
Instruct the Secretary of the Department of Administration to provide the Commission with such sums of money that are necessary for legitimate travel and operating expenses, as provided by the Joint Finance Committee under Section 20.505(5) (a), Wisconsin Statutes.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine.

  
LEE SHERMAN DREYFUS

By the Governor:

  
VEL R. PHILLIPS  
Secretary of State