

WHEREAS, a statewide mediation program should foster orderly, expeditious implementation of policy by minimizing the delays caused by protracted conflicts over how to implement generally accepted goals; and

WHEREAS, a statewide mediation program should further the interest in implementation of public policy; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Dispute Resolution (NIDR), a non-profit foundation which promotes experimental dispute resolution mechanisms, will provide funding on a matching basis for an experimental statewide pilot meditation program;

NOW, THEREFORE, by my authority as Governor pursuant to section 14.019, Stats., I hereby authorize the Secretary of Administration to facilitate statewide dispute mediation through a pilot meditation program established within the department. Funding for this service shall come from NIDR funds and matching state funds.

The Secretaries of the Department of Administration (DOA), Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations (DILHR), and the Office of the Governor shall approve which disputes of statewide significance should be funded through this program. Disputing parties shall select mediator(s) for their dispute.

The Secretary of DOA, with the assistance of DILHR, shall develop criteria to determine which disputes are most appropriate for inclusion in the mediation program.



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 nineteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four.

THOMANTHONY S. EARL

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State RECEIVED

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