In the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. B 15-76

WHEREAS, both the State of California and the federal government have recognized that there are nearly 3 million Californians 60 years of age and older who require and deserve special consideration because of the unique problems of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the numerous state and federal programs which offer consideration to the elderly are not presently equal to the relative needs of the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the California Office on Aging is charged under federal and state law with ensuring the development and implementation of a comprehensive and co-ordinated system of delivery of services to the elderly, by coordinating existing services and pooling existing but untapped resources; and

WHEREAS, an Interdepartmental Committee on Aging, by identifying and pooling existing resources within the state government structure, and by developing an effective means of self-help participation of older persons, can contribute significantly to cost reduction in a wide range of social programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is ordered that:

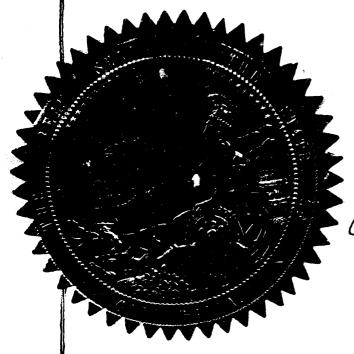
All departments and offices within the California State Health and Welfare Agency, and all other State departments and offices who sponsor, administer or participate in programs of current or future benefit to the elderly, join with the California Office on Aging to form the California Interdepartmental Committee on Aging; and

The Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency shall convene and preside over the first meeting of this Committee. He shall delegate to the Director of the Office on Aging the responsibility for convening and presiding over for subsequent regular gatherings of appropriate directors of departments and offices who will identify and eliminate duplication and gaps in services and programs for the elderly to better coordinate and improve programs in the state, and who will emphasize the constructive roles which senior citizens aged 60 and over can assume to im-

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prove the quality of life for themselves and for the total citizenry.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 4th day of

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