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WHEREAS, handicapped persons are a social and economic asset within the State of California whose potential has not been fully tapped; and

WHEREAS, increased employment of handicapped workers, as well as retention and advancement of those already employed, requires the active cooperation and continued involvement of government, business and labor; and

WHEREAS, this administration is firmly committed to improving the employment and advancement potential of handicapped men and women in California; and

WHEREAS, the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped has requested cooperation and assistance at the state level in promoting employment of the handicapped in California;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. The Governor's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, created informally in 1947 by Governor Earl Warren, is hereby officially established. The Committee shall be composed of not more than 80 members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Committee members shall serve without compensation or expenses.

2. The Committee shall include the Directors of the Departments of Employment Development, Rehabilitation and Social Services, a representative appointed by the State Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Council, handicapped persons, representatives of business, labor, state and local government, private organizations and community groups concerned with problems of the handicapped, and members of the general public; the Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

3. The Committee shall select an Executive Secretary who shall be an employee of the Employment Development Department. The Employment Development Department and the Department of Rehabilitation shall provide administrative support to the Committee and all departments, boards and commissions are directed to cooperate with the Committee in carrying out its responsibilities.

4. The Committee will meet on a regular basis to promote the employment and advancement of handicapped persons, and shall:

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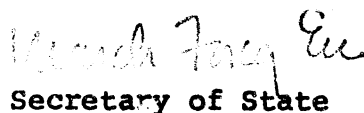
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- (a) study the rehabilitation and employment needs of handicapped persons, the adequacy of existing programs designed to meet those needs, and the obstacles to increased employment of handicapped individuals; and
- (b) cooperate with the President's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped, and assist other public and private community organizations in securing increased employment for the handicapped, including employment of specific individuals brought to the Committee's attention; and
- (c) publicize the need for employing the handicapped, including the qualifications and availability of handicapped individuals; and
- (d) solicit and encourage greater cooperation and assistance from business, labor and community groups, and recognize those individuals and organizations which have aided in promoting employment for the handicapped; and
- (e) report to and advise the Governor and the Secretary of the Health and Welfare Agency on matters relating to employment of the handicapped and the Committee's activities and accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of September, A.D. nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.


Governor of California

ATTEST


Secretary of State

