

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 1-2021**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE RED TAPE RELIEF ADVISORY COUNCIL
TO IMPLEMENT REGULATORY REFORM**

WHEREAS, Montana's strong economic growth is essential to ensuring our residents and our children are able to find good-paying jobs and raise their families in Montana;

WHEREAS, excessive government regulation can impose high compliance costs, inhibit job growth, delay or deter expansion of existing businesses, impede private sector investment, and increase prices paid by consumers for goods and services;

WHEREAS, Montana citizens, farmers, ranchers and business owners are required to spend too much time and resources understanding and complying with the regulations set forth in the Administrative Rules of Montana, which exceed 4.7 million words and would require an average reader 263 hours (or almost 7 weeks) to read;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Montana citizens and businesses to reduce the regulatory burdens imposed on them whenever and wherever possible, while continuing to protect public health and consumer safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG GIANFORTE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution, Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-122 and any other applicable statutes, do hereby authorize the creation of the **Red Tape Relief Advisory Council** as follows:

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor with respect to a plan for a comprehensive review and reform of regulations in every state agency. The Council shall develop a plan to implement a comprehensive review of the regulations issued by each agency, including identification of

- excessive, outdated, and unnecessary regulations,
- regulations that are especially burdensome on Montana's farmers, ranchers, and business owners;
- regulations that disproportionately impact small businesses;
- appropriate quantitative and qualitative metrics to measure implementation of regulatory reform within each agency.

In developing a plan for comprehensive regulatory reform, the Council shall seek input from members of the Montana Senate and House of Representative, Montana citizens

and business owners, Montana associations whose members are impacted by regulatory reform, advisory groups interested in regulatory reform, and other appropriate stakeholders as determined by the Council.

COMPOSITION

The Council members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Council members shall include, but not be limited to, persons from the following categories:

- the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Montana, who shall serve as the presiding officer of the Council; and
- an employee (the Rules Review Representative) from each State agency authorized to issue regulations.

The Department of Administration shall provide administrative support for the Council.

REPORT

The Council shall provide a report and proposed plan of regulatory review to the Governor by August 1, 2021.

TERMINATION

The Council shall cease to exist on December 31, 2021, unless rescinded earlier or renewed by subsequent executive order.

COMPENSATION

Council Members shall be entitled to reasonable travel expense reimbursement under Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-122.

THIS ORDER is effective immediately.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 5 day of January, 2021.



GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State