

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NO. 89-23

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HEAD INJURY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, head injury (Traumatic Brain Injury) is the leading cause of death and disability for people under the age of 35 with an estimated 2400 such persons of working age in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, due to more information and better understanding of the brain and new and improved medical technology, physicians and other medical personnel are able to provide better and quicker emergency and acute care for victims; and

WHEREAS, the emergence of the head injured as a categorical population in need of services has resulted from advances in medical technology over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, appropriate programs to maximize recovery and facilitate rehabilitation are not readily available to victims of head injury; and

WHEREAS, the emotional and economic costs of not rehabilitating survivors of head injuries, but rather misplacing them in mental institutions, geriatric nursing homes or family homes which cannot provide proper rehabilitation programming would be detrimental to the victim; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of effective educational/rehabilitation services and the availability of independent living facilities, the costs to maintain these individuals can be staggering; and

WHEREAS, the month of October, 1989, has been declared by me to be ARIZONA HEAD INJURY MONTH;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose Mofford, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby direct:

1. The establishment of an eighteen member Task Force on Head Injury to study the problem of head injury. Task Force members shall serve for a period of one year.
2. The statewide task force shall then:
 - a) establish working definition of "head injury";
 - b) develop a statewide registry for individuals with head injuries;
 - c) develop demographic data for the head injured;
 - d) identify, and review the various programs and services currently directed to serving the head injured and develop recommendations for improved coordination;
 - e) develop a recommended legislative agenda to include specific legislation, budget data, etc.;
 - f) identify and review the existing elements of the state's health care system, including long-term care, and develop recommendations for coordination and improvement;
 - g) review the present status of insurance coverage for the head injured and develop specific recommendations;
 - h) review the status of vocational and independent living services and make specific recommendations.

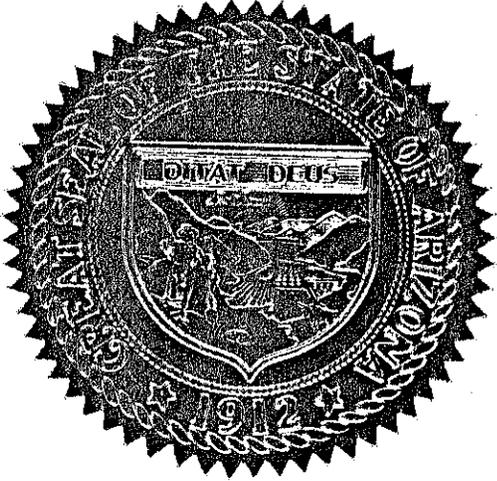
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3. The statewide Task Force shall provide to me a final report of its findings on or before October 1, 1990.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed on the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



Rose W. Wyland
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this twenty-ninth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirteenth.

ATTEST:

Jim Shumway
Secretary of State