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WHEREAS, through the years disabled citizens have demonstrated their capabilities and their desire to make the most of the opportunities life can offer, and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for state government to employ fresh approaches and renewed energy to expand the availability of resources for these Missourians, and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is committed to the goal of equal opportunity for every citizen and strives to promote the rights of the disabled, and

WHEREAS, access to and participation in meetings where the public business is discussed and decisions are made is a fundamental part of citizen involvement in government,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN ASHCROFT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby declare that:

1. When held by a state executive branch agency, any "public meeting" as defined in section 610.010 RSMo, which is not a "closed meeting" as defined in that section, shall be held in a location that provides adequate accessibility for physically disabled citizens.
2. State executive branch agencies shall cooperate with individuals needing special provisions, such as sign-language interpreters or braille copies of materials, in conjunction with public meetings, and, where reasonable, may pay the cost of such provisions.
3. All state agencies are encouraged to promote equal opportunity for all disabled employees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 15th day of June, 1990.

John Ashcroft
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Roy D. Blunt
SECRETARY OF STATE