## EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Continuing the Statewide Independent Living Council**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Jarod Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Statewide Independent Living Council ("the Council").

1. Background and Need

The State of Colorado operates an independent living program through the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Colorado Office of Independent Living Services funded under the Administration on Community Living. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2014 Section 475 as amended from the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, ("the Act"), and authorized under C.R.S. §§ 26-8.1-101 to 26-8.1-106. require the State to establish the Statewide Independent Living Council. The Council acts in partnership with the Colorado Office of Independent Living Services to help plan independent living programs in the State.

There are fifty-five (55) Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) throughout the United States and their territories. The Colorado SILC is also in application to become a 501c3 after being approved to operate as a non-profit with the Colorado Secretary of State. Being a 501c3 non-profit allows the SILC to increase autonomy and increase resource development activities, which is one of the standards and indicators of a SILC.

II. Membership and Organization

1. The Council shall consist of not more than twenty-three (23) members, appointed for three-year terms. The Council shall be composed of members who provide statewide representation, who represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in individuals with disabilities.
2. The Council shall include the following:
3. At least one director of a Colorado Center for Independent Living (CILs), chosen by the directors of the CILs within the State, and;
4. A representative from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/Colorado Office of Independent Living Services, the Designated State Entity of the State of Colorado, to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member
5. The Council may include the following:
	1. Other representatives from centers for independent living;
	2. Parents of individuals with disabilities;
	3. Advocates of and for individuals with disabilities;
	4. Representatives from private businesses;
	5. Representatives from organizations that provide services for individuals with disabilities;
	6. Other appropriate individuals and/or stakeholders
6. Pursuant to section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and WIOA of 2014, except for one director of a center for independent living chosen by the directors of the CILs within the State, all members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
7. Pursuant to 20 V.S.C §796(b)(l), the Governor shall make appointments after soliciting recommendations from Colorado Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment that represent a broad range of individuals with disabilities and organizations interested in individuals with disabilities, who meet the eligibility requirements of the Act and comply with the mandated composition of the Council.
8. A majority of the Council's voting members shall be individuals with disabilities, as described in 29 U.S.C . §705(20)(B), and not employed by any State agency or center for independent living.
9. The Council shall select a chair from among its voting membership.
10. The Office of the Governor in conjunction with the Colorado Designated State Entity reserves the right to not appoint, or to rescind an appointment, of a proposed Council member, or current Council member, under such circumstances that the council member egregiously violates the Code of Conduct approved by the SILC.
11. The Council may be incorporated as a private, 501c3 non-profit, but shall not be an entity within a state agency.

III. Duties: The Council shall:

* 1. Jointly develop and submit, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Colorado Office of Independent Living Services, the State Plan for Independent Living Services (SPIL), as required by C.R.S. §26-8.1-106;
	2. Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the SPIL;
	3. Coordinate activities with the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and councils that address the needs of specific disability populations and issues under other federal law;
	4. Ensure that all regularly scheduled meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided;
	5. Submit to the Deputy Director of the Administration on Community Living such periodic reports as the Deputy Director may reasonably request; and
	6. Keep records that allow the Deputy Director to verify such reports
1. Directive

The Statewide Independent Living Council is hereby continued without interruption. This Executive Order shall repeal and supersede all previous Executive Orders pertaining to the Statewide Independent Living Council and specifically Executive Orders B 002 04 and B 002 08.

1. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.