

Governor's Office

Mission and philosophy

The mission of the Office of the Governor of Wyoming is to provide leadership that builds public trust through service, accountability, and cooperation. The philosophy of the governor is that public service is a public trust. Therefore, the office believes in personal responsibility, professionalism, high ethics and honesty requiring accountability, efficiency, and respect. The role of the governor's office is to provide opportunity through partnerships to meet the needs of Wyoming, today and tomorrow.

The governor's office will administer the executive branch of government consistent with the Wyoming Constitution, state statutes, and functional goals of state government.

To provide an opportunity for people to obtain skills, to develop their intellect, to experience art and to develop a greater appreciation of the state's cultural resources.

To provide a business-friendly regulatory environment where the health and safety of people are ensured, consumers protected, and goods and services made reasonably available.

To protect Wyoming's environment and ensure wise, sustainable use of its natural resources.

To protect and enhance the health and well being of Wyoming's people.

To foster the development of responsible, productive, and self-sufficient people, and to assist persons when they are unable to provide for themselves.

To expand and enhance Wyoming's transportation system in order to provide reasonable access and availability to Wyoming people wherever they reside or wherever they do business.

To ensure the safety of people and communities.

To operate our state and local governments responsibly, effectively, and efficiently in an open, ethical, and accountable manner.

The governor's office will provide efficient, cost-effective service, ensure accountability and promote cooperation in carrying out the duties of the office.

The final year of this biennium encompasses up to the last six months of the eighth and final year of Governor Jim Geringer's administration, which is term-limited to two terms. This report will reflect a summary of the administration's initiatives and accomplishments with special note of highlights from FY 02

The goal of the governor's education program was to prepare Wyoming's children for the future. To help accomplish this, the governor proposed several initiatives including: professional development, standards and assessments, targeting scholarships and grants, distance learning, vocational training, and technology integration

General information

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Other locations

Not applicable.

Year established

1890

Statutory references

Constitution of the State of Wyoming, Article 4;
Wyoming Statute 9-1-201

Number of authorized personnel

16 full-time

Organizational structure

Not applicable

Clients served

Every resident of Wyoming

Budget information

July 1 balance

Total

\$ 1,063,713.03

for continuing education. During his tenure, the governor accomplished all of his initiatives.

Another goal was to build a better partnership with those who use the state's natural resources for a better, healthier Wyoming. Some of the initiatives include reauthorization of the existing Endangered Species Act, one voice policy, Enlibra (a philosophy of environmental management), cooperation, open spaces, water quality, cooperating agency status, fire prevention, drought prevention, no new net federal lands. The governor's office accomplished the following: cooperating agency status, kitchen table meetings, outreach and environmental assistance office, youth initiative for wildlife and natural resources conservation and water quality monitoring.

Some of the ways the governor's office has tried to make government more accessible have been a cabinet form of government, develop long-term revenue solutions, one-stop service online, no new net programs, security initiative, appointments to the state's boards and commissions. Some of the more tangible successes have been the Wyoming Equality Network, Internet unemployment claims filing and the Wyoming Job Network.

The governor's office has tried to boost economic development by improving technology infrastructure, marketing Wyoming, commercialization of research, provide community assistance, predator management program, workforce training funds, reliable air service, integrate workforce development programs, energy development, ensuring food safety, education and leadership in agriculture. To this end, the governor's office started the following initiatives: Wyoming Business Council, employer tax cut, Wyoming Energy Commission, new generation cooperatives, workforce development training funds, Wyoming Equality Network, community assessments, Animal Damage Management Board, agriculture education and leadership and the Food Safety Act.

The governor's office has tried preserving Wyoming's family environment by introducing several initiatives including community-based mental health, improving rural health care, meeting the needs of an aging population, the Health Passport, early childhood development, juvenile justice, substance abuse, intensive treatment, methamphetamine initiative, ending domestic violence and child abuse. Some of the accomplishments have been drug courts, kid care, lowering tobacco sales to minors, WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho contracts to provide graduate medical education for training doctors and other health care workers to work in Wyoming), welfare reform, long-term care, one-stop offices, intensive treatment unit and the DoVE Council.

Governor Geringer's administration philosophies include smaller government, local control, individual responsibility, community-based services, a broad-based tax structure and government accountability.

For more detailed information and key

points on the governor's initiatives and accomplishments, please contact one of our state libraries for the Wyoming Community Connections booklet.

Highlights of the year from FY 02 include Governor Geringer and Governor Martz of Montana agreeing to a memorandum of cooperation to document their commitment and their intent to protect and maintain water quality conditions in both Wyoming and Montana during an interim period during which new coal bed methane discharges in Wyoming will be allowed to proceed with caution.

Following unforgettable day of sadness and tragedy, the governor held a prayer service at the capitol on September 13, 2002.

The governor expressed his condolences on the death of eight UW students killed in a car crash by a ninth UW student, who was intoxicated.

The governor announces the use of Wyoming National Guard men and women to patrol local airports as a result of the September 11, 2002 tragedy. The executive order was signed October 3, 2002.

The governor signed the executive order creating the Counter Terrorism Commission.

After 15 years in litigation, the governor welcomed the Supreme Court approval of the Wyoming/Nebraska water settlement agreement over the flows of the North Platte River.

Governor Geringer announced that a settlement agreement had been reached for the dismissal without prejudice of the Chris S mental health litigation, following seven years of hard work between the state of Wyoming and mental health advocacy groups.

Vice-President Cheney visited the capitol, speaks to the Legislature and met with Governor Geringer.

The governor asked the Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman, to declare Wyoming a Natural Disaster Area due to the extreme drought.

The state of Wyoming wins a victory in the ongoing battle over the roadless initiative through a ruling from U.S. District Court.

The governor joined other western governors and top presidential administration officials in endorsing an historic implementation plan to aggressively manage wildland fires and reduce hazardous fuels, protect communities, and restore ecosystems over the next decade.

Office of the Governor organization chart

