



GERALDINE C. "GERRY" THOMPSON
Executive Assistant to the Governor
State of Oregon

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Gerry Thompson has been Governor Vic Atiyeh's executive assistant since September 21st of 1981.

She is a native of Olympia, Washington, and grew up in Salem, where she still lives.

She graduated from South Salem High School in 1957.

Before joining the governor's staff she worked 19 years for Oregon Physicians Service-Blue Shield in Portland, most recently as vice president for marketing.

Her initial position with Oregon Physicians Service was as a district service representative, and later as Salem branch office manager, and assistant vice president and south west district manager.

Gerry Thompson also worked for Pacific Northwest Bell as a service representative in Newport, Corvallis, and Salem.

As the governor's top assistant, Mrs. Thompson directs the operation of the governor's office which includes about 27 staff. She also works with Governor Atiyeh's assistants in formulating and implementing plans and policies for the operation of state government.

She was a campaign worker in the 1974 and 1979 Atiyeh for Governor campaigns. When the governor was Oregon Senate minority leader he appointed her to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. She served as commission chairman from 1977 to 1979.

Mrs. Thompson has been active in Salem school activities and has served on the Salem Public Schools' community task force and on the Title 9 task force which reviewed the process for equal funding of girls' athletics.

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