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Roy Romer
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDERREMOVAL OF JUVENILES FROM ADULT JAILS
AND MUNICIPAL LOCK-UPS IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, the detention of juveniles in adult jails and municipal lock-ups ("adult facilities") is contrary to the best interests of the citizens of Colorado;

WHEREAS, I have been informed that Colorado confines more than 1,000 juveniles in adult facilities each year;

WHEREAS, juveniles in adult facilities may be exposed and influenced by adult offenders incarcerated in the same facility;

WHEREAS, juveniles held in adult facilities have a suicide rate significantly higher than those held in juvenile detention facilities;

WHEREAS, the nature of offenses committed by juveniles may not warrant their incarceration with adults;

WHEREAS, jail resources are expensive and scarce and should be reserved for adult offenders;

WHEREAS, many youth who are jailed can be better served by programs and facilities designed for their protection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Colorado participates in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended under which the removal of juveniles from adult facilities is required by December 31, 1988,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado by virtue of the authority vested in me under the constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

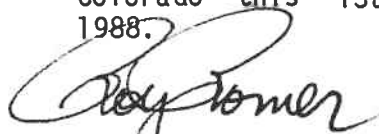
1. All Executive Branch officials are directed to take all practicable measures to achieve the removal of juveniles from adult facilities by December 31, 1988.
2. The Judiciary and local units of government are encouraged to adopt the policy of removing juveniles from adult facilities by December 31, 1988.

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3. The Departments of Institutions, Social Services, Public Safety, and Corrections shall coordinate their efforts and are directed to work with the Judiciary and local governments in achieving this objective.
4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for coordinating the directive of this Executive Order.
5. This Executive Order does not apply to facilities which have separate juvenile detention facilities which meet the standards set forth by the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 13th day of May,
1988.



Roy Romer
Governor

