WHEREAS the State of Oklahoma has made great strides in removing children and youth under the age of eighteen from its jails; and

WHEREAS the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has assisted Oklahoma in achieving the removal of children and youth from its jails, and has assisted Oklahoma in other ways in improving services for delinquent and pre-delinquent children and youth; and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth was created by State legislation to perform planning, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions related to programs serving children and youth; and

WHEREAS the Commission on Children and Youth has the responsibility to administer Federal grant funds provided to Oklahoma for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Services, with the advice and assistance of the State Advisory Group established pursuant to federal law and regulations as a condition of receipt of federal funds; and

WHEREAS there is need to clarify the roles and functions of the Commission on Children and Youth regarding these federal grant funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Bellmon, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by the authority vested in the Office of Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Oklahoma do hereby order:

1. The Commission on Children and Youth, which provides a balanced representation of Oklahoma’s juvenile justice interests, shall serve as the Supervisory Board responsible for the administration of Oklahoma’s allocations of Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds and shall have final authority for the award of grants and contracts involving those funds.
2. The State Advisory Group which has been established in accordance with Federal law and regulations (42 U.S.C. 5633; 28 C.F.R. 31.302), shall serve as the key advisory body for the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grants program. The State Advisory Group shall advise and make recommendations to the Commission on Children and Youth concerning any and all aspects of this program, including the development of the state plan and any modifications thereof, the development of requests for proposals, the review of grant applications, and the award of grants.

3. The Governor shall make all appointments to the State Advisory Group.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 23rd day of February, 1989.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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ATTEST:

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Secretary of State