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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing the Justice Assistance Grant Board

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Justice Assistance Grant Board (the "Board").

1. Background and Need

The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 (Public Law 108-447) created a funding source for state and local law enforcement called the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG Program has been codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3751, and the Division of Criminal Justice within the Colorado Department of Public Safety administers and distributes the JAG funds provided to the State of Colorado. The Division also assists in defining the drug and violent crime problem, provides recommendations on the distribution of funds, and monitors the overall impact of the JAG Program.

2. Mission and Scope

The Board shall have the following duties:

- A. Advise the Division of Criminal Justice on issues related to federal block grant monies designated to improve the criminal justice system and reduce drug abuse and violent crimes;
- B. Review the State strategy for the JAG Program funds; and
- C. Review applications from state and local agencies for funding from the federal JAG Program to the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice.

3. Membership and Organization

The Board shall consist of not more than twenty-five (25) members representing the entire criminal justice system at the State and the local levels. The chairperson of the Board and the members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Board members shall receive no compensation for their services on the Board.

4. Directive

- A. The Justice Assistance Grant Board is hereby continued without interruption;
- B. This Executive Order shall repeal and supercede all previous Executive Orders pertaining to the Drug Control and System Improvement Program Advisory Board and specifically Executive Orders B 012 91, B 006 93, B 017 95, and B 001 05.

5. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this ninth day of
January, 2008.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor