WHEREAS, a comprehensive effort at all levels of South Carolina government is required to insure the greater safety of the people and to provide better coordination between law enforcement and other elements of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has enacted the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, with subsequent amendments, and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, hereinafter referred to as the Crime Control Act and Juvenile Justice Act respectively; and

WHEREAS, the said Crime Control Act and Juvenile Justice Act offer federal assistance to States, local governments, and private, nonprofit agencies for the continued development of law enforcement, the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Control Act and Juvenile Justice Act require the Chief Executive of each State to establish and maintain a State Planning Agency subject to his direct jurisdiction which shall be representative of the law enforcement and criminal justice agencies including agencies directly related to the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, units of general local government, and public agencies maintaining programs to reduce and control crime; and

WHEREAS, the terms Criminal Justice System and Agencies as used herein shall encompass all those State, local and private non-profit agencies and organizations involved in law enforcement including police agencies, adult and juvenile corrections, adult and juvenile courts, prosecution and defense, as well as private, penal and other organizations of professional or citizen membership involved in said System including organizations directly related to delinquency prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. EDWARDS, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, do hereby order and establish the Office of Criminal Justice Programs, within the Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, and do hereby designate this office as the State Planning Agency as contemplated by the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, with subsequent amendments and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.

The Office of Criminal Justice Programs, in the Division of Administration, shall include the Law Enforcement Assistance Program and the Comprehensive Offender Rehabilitation Program. It shall also serve as the State...
Criminal Justice Data Center with the responsibility for coordinating the South Carolina comprehensive criminal justice data system. Additional programs related to the criminal justice process may be established in the Office as required. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Governor shall appoint a full-time Executive Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Programs who shall hold his position at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be paid compensation as the Governor may fix, and who shall be Executive Director of the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency. The Director shall be responsible for the overall direction and the day-to-day supervision of the Office of Criminal Justice Programs. The Director shall employ such personnel and contract for such consulting services as may be required to carry out the purposes of this directive.

The Executive Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Programs shall be responsible to the Governor and shall, in addition to discharging the duties of his office as specified in this Order, have such duties as may be assigned by the Governor, including the responsibility for recommending policy and program alternatives to the Governor. The Executive Director shall speak for the Governor in all matters related to the Office. He shall establish rules for the Office which provide for coordination with other State agencies.

The Committee on Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency shall function as a supervisory board over the activities of the Office which are performed under requirements of the Crime Control and Juvenile Delinquency Acts and pertinent regulations. The Committee shall review and maintain general oversight of those activities of the Office which are performed under requirements of the Crime Control and Juvenile Delinquency Acts and regulations issued thereunder, in addition to other such duties as prescribed by the Governor.

The Committee shall be composed of persons named by the Governor who are representative of agencies and organizations comprising the Criminal Justice System as above defined. In addition to the appointed members, the heads of Criminal Justice Agencies shall be ex-officio voting members. Such agencies shall include the following:

- South Carolina Department of Corrections
- Probation, Parole and Pardon Board
- State Law Enforcement Division
- Attorney General
- State Highway Patrol
- Department of Youth Services
- State Court Administration

The number of voting members on the Committee shall not exceed twenty-five (25), and there shall be adequate minority representation. All Regional Advisory Task Forces shall also reflect adequate minority representation as well as representation similar to the composition of the Committee.
The Governor shall name the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and such sub-committees, councils, and task-forces as he deems necessary. The Executive Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Programs shall be the Executive Secretary of the Committee, but shall not vote. A majority of the members at any regular meeting or called meeting shall constitute a quorum. Committee members shall not be entitled to compensation for their services, but they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided under state law and regulations. Terms of the members shall be at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, as prescribed in the Juvenile Delinquency Act, shall be established separate from the above Committee. Said Council shall consist of no more than thirty-five (35) persons who have training, experience, or a special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency or in the administration of juvenile justice. The membership shall include representation of units of local government, law enforcement, and juvenile justice agencies. The members of this Council shall be selected by the Governor and shall advise the Committee concerning the Juvenile Justice System in addition to other such duties as prescribed by the Governor.

The Office of Criminal Justice Programs and the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency shall:

(a) Develop an annual comprehensive statewide plan for the improvement of the Criminal Justice System, including law enforcement, corrections, the judiciary and juvenile delinquency treatment and prevention, throughout the State. This plan shall satisfy the requirements of the Crime Control and Juvenile Delinquency Acts, regulations and guidelines issued thereunder, and define, develop, and correlate programs and projects for improvement in the entire Criminal Justice Community.

(b) Establish priorities for Criminal Justice Improvement in South Carolina, provide information to prospective aid recipients on the benefits of the program and procedures for grant applications; encourage grant proposal projects from State agencies, local units of government, and other Criminal Justice agencies for planning and action efforts as applicable; evaluate applications for aid; and award funds as necessary; monitor progress and audit expenditures of funded projects; encourage regional and metropolitan area planning efforts, action projects, and cooperative arrangements; coordinate the State Criminal Justice Plan with other federally-supported endeavors relating to or having an impact on the Criminal Justice System; oversee and evaluate the total statewide effort in Comprehensive Plan Implementation and overall Criminal Justice Improvements; monitor and evaluate the development and Implementation of Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, and Comprehensive Criminal Justice Data Systems; and serve as the state criminal justice data center responsible for the collection and analysis of the criminal justice statistics in South Carolina.
Apply for and accept grants from the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, or other sources as appropriate, and approve expenditure and disbursement of any such funds acquired in a manner consistent with the Crime Control Act, Juvenile Delinquency Act, or other source, and the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina.

Apply for and accept grants or funds from any public or private source for the purpose of comprehensive criminal justice planning and implementation of programs, projects, improvements, and innovations in the administration and operation of the Criminal Justice System, including matters related to the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency and others within this Executive Order; and to expend such funds in a manner consistent with the Constitution and Laws of South Carolina.

Establish guidelines, procedures, and policies to be employed in the operation and evaluation of grants for projects and programs, in reviewing and awarding such grants, and in ensuring that funds are used in accordance with approved applications and in accordance with the Crime Control and Juvenile Delinquency Acts and regulations issued thereunder.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina, at Columbia, South Carolina, this 2nd day of October, 1975.

[Signature]
James B. Edwards
Governor
State of South Carolina

ATTEST:

[Signature]
O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State
State of South Carolina