

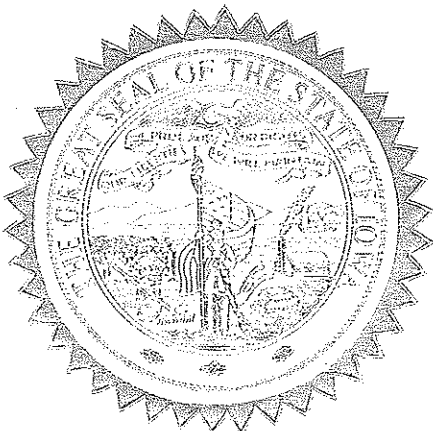
  
**State of Iowa**  
**Executive Department**

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA


**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** THIS ADMINISTRATION IS DEDICATED TO ENSURING SAFE, JUST, AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL IOWANS; AND
- WHEREAS,** MINORITY YOUTH, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN AMERICAN YOUTH, ARE SIGNIFICANTLY OVERREPRESENTED IN IOWA'S JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF YOUTH DETAINED IN IOWA'S JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES ARE HELD FOR MISDEMEANOR LEVEL OFFENSES AND PROBATION VIOLATIONS; AND
- WHEREAS,** SECTION 223 (A) (22) OF THE FEDERAL JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT (42 USC S 5633 (A)(22)) REQUIRES THAT IN ORDER FOR THE STATE TO RECEIVE GRANTS PURSUANT TO THE ACT, THE STATE MUST SUBMIT A PLAN THAT "ADDRESS[ES] JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION EFFORTS AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS DESIGNED TO REDUCE, WITHOUT ESTABLISHING OR REQUIRING NUMERICAL STANDARDS OR QUOTAS, THE DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF JUVENILE MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS, WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM"; AND
- WHEREAS,** THIS ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MINORITY YOUTH DETAINED IN DETENTION CENTERS AND ULTIMATELY DECREASE THE NUMBER OF MINORITIES IN IOWA'S CORRECTION SYSTEM; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE INTENT OF THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION'S JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE IS TO CHANGE POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROGRAMS SO AS TO ENSURE THE DETENTION OF ONLY THOSE YOUTH WHO ARE THE GREATEST RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY, REDUCE THE UNNECESSARY OR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SECURE DETENTION, AND TO RE-DIRECT PUBLIC FINANCES TO MORE EFFECTIVE PURPOSES; AND
- WHEREAS,** I HAVE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FIVE ESTABLISHED THE YOUTH RACE AND DETENTION TASK FORCE TO REDUCE MINORITY OVERREPRESENTATION AND TO IMPLEMENT OVERALL DETENTION REFORM:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 12, 2008 AS THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH DATE OF IOWA'S JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE; AND DO ENCOURAGE LOCAL OFFICIALS IN BLACK HAWK, POLK, AND WOODBURY COUNTIES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE YOUTH RACE AND DETENTION TASK FORCE AND CASEY FOUNDATION CONSULTANTS TO IMPLEMENT THE EIGHT CORE STRATEGIES OF THE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE.**



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.**

  
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CHESTER J. CULVER  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL A. MAURO  
SECRETARY OF STATE