EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE YOUTH JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL, TO IMPLEMENT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, do hereby continue the Youth Justice Advisory Council (Council or “YJC”), as amended, within the Department of Corrections, Board of Crime Control, pursuant to § 2-15-122, MCA, and as required by Section 223 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) of 2002 (Public Law 93-415), as amended.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to:

• Submit to the Governor, the Board of Crime Control, and the Montana Legislature, at least annually, recommendations regarding state compliance with the federal requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act 2002;

• Participate in the development and review of the state’s juvenile justice plan prior to submission of the plan to the Board of Crime Control for final action, and develop and review annual updates of the plan;

• Review and comment on all juvenile justice and delinquency prevention grant applications submitted to the Board of Crime Control; and

• Contact and seek regular input from juveniles currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system and state, local, and private agencies on juvenile justice issues to better coordinate services and efficiently utilize available resources.

COMPOSITION

The Council shall consist of at least 15 members and not more than 33 members appointed by the Governor, consistent with the requirements of the JJDP Act of 2002, as amended. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among the Council’s members, who will also serve as the YJC Representative on the Board of Crime Control. The Governor shall also appoint two members of the Board of Crime Control as well as the chair of the Council. The Governor may appoint additional non-voting ex-officio members. The Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and their names and addresses will be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State. Members will include:
• At least one locally-elected official representing general purpose local government;

• Representatives of law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors, counsel for children and youth, and probation workers;

• Representatives of public agencies concerned with delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, social services, mental health, education, special education, recreation and youth services agencies;

• Representatives of private nonprofit organizations, including persons with specialized focuses on preserving and strengthening families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development, delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children;

• Volunteers who work with delinquents or potential delinquents;

• Youth workers involved with programs that are alternatives to incarceration, including programs providing organized recreation activities;

• Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism, and alternatives to suspension and expulsion; and

• Persons with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, child abuse and neglect, and youth violence.

A majority of the members shall not be full-time employees of federal, state, or local government. At least one-fifth of members shall be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment, including at least three members who have been or are currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL

Council members eligible for compensation under § 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be compensated $50 for each day actually and necessarily engaged in performance of Council duties. All Council members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to § 2-15-122(5), MCA.

DURATION

The Council shall exist for a period of two years, consistent with the requirements of the JJDP Act of 2002, and will expire or be renewed on March 1, 2020.
This Order is effective retroactive to March 1, 2018.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 18th day of June, 2018.

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STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

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COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State