WHEREAS, the Violent Death Reporting System of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services is responsible for collecting information regarding violent deaths within the state, including suicide and homicide; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Violent Death Reporting System to have access to confidential criminal justice information from Criminal Justice Agencies, including investigators, law enforcement, and coroners to accurately investigate and report deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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, and pursuant to the Montana Criminal Justice Information Act of 1979 (Title 44, Chapter 5 of the Montana Code Annotated) do hereby designate the Violent Death Reporting System as a Criminal Justice Agency, as that term is used in Title 44, Chapter 5 of the Montana Code Annotated.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 29 day of July, 2019.

STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State