EXECUTIVE ORDER

EXECUTIVE ORDER COMMISSIONING A PLAN FOR INTEGRATING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, supervising delinquent youth requires specialized training for staff, unique approaches to facilities management, and programming that provides treatment and rehabilitative services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Juvenile Justice was created as a stand-alone agency, after having been a division of the Department of Corrections, as a step towards managing the delinquent youth population of the State of Illinois with the intention of creating positive outcomes for young people and their families; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Children and Family Services is to provide social services to children and their families, to operate children’s institutions, and to provide certain other rehabilitative and residential services; and

WHEREAS, integrating the Department of Juvenile Justice into the Department of Children and Family Services would best advance a culture change from a punitive approach toward a rehabilitative, treatment-focused model of care that engages families, promotes public safety, and holds youth accountable for their actions while providing better services for young people in facilities and after release; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution authorizes reorganizing executive branch agencies pursuant to either a multilateral process or a unilateral process: legislation passed by the General Assembly or an Agency Reorganization Executive Order issued pursuant to Article V, Section 11; and

WHEREAS, reorganizing the Department of Juvenile Justice will require a participatory and transparent process that involves multiple state agencies, members of the General Assembly, representatives of organized labor and the advocacy community; and

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois, pursuant to the supreme executive authority of the Governor as set forth in Article V, Section 8 of the Illinois Constitution, do hereby order as follows:

I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

All employees of the State of Illinois, employed in executive branch agencies that are directly responsible to the Governor [hereinafter “employees”), are hereby directed that the administration’s policy is to seek the integration of the Department of Juvenile Justice into the Department of Children and Family Services by means of legislation.

II. COOPERATION
All employees are directed to cooperate and assist integrating the Department of Juvenile Justice into the Department of Children and Family Services.

a. Affected Agencies

The following offices and agencies (hereinafter “affected agencies”) shall prioritize facilitating the integration of the Department of Juvenile Justice into the Department of Children and Family Services:

i. The Office of the Governor
ii. The Department of Children and Family Services
iii. The Department of Juvenile Justice
iv. The Department of Corrections
v. The Department of Central Management Services
vi. The Public Safety Shared Services Center
vii. The Department of Human Services
viii. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

III. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Integration Plan

The overall objective of the collaboration required by this executive order is to develop a plan (hereinafter “integration plan”) for implementing in an expeditious and efficient manner, the formal and functional integration of the Department of Juvenile Justice into the Department of Children and Family Services. The integration plan will include, but is not limited to, the following elements:

i. Legislation that modifies statute to implement the merger;
ii. Administrative regulations or administrative directives necessary for the merger;
iii. Interagency agreements that effectuate or facilitate the merger.

b. Collaboration with Organized Labor, Advocacy Organizations, and the Legislature

Employees of the affected agencies shall develop an integration plan in collaboration with:

i. representatives of organized labor;
ii. advocacy organizations, individuals experienced in juvenile court issues, and other stakeholders; and
iii. the members and staff of the General Assembly to craft legislation.

IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any state or federal law.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This order shall become effective upon its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Issued by the Governor: April 1, 2010
Filed with the Secretary of State: April 1, 2010