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## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER

WHEREAS, while the rate of crime in Maine is among the lowest in the Nation, it is still unacceptably high; and

WHEREAS, there is constant need for accurate and timely analysis and dissemination of criminal justice data from all components of the criminal justice system which can enable the Governor, the Legislature, and state and local criminal justice agencies to develop informed strategies and programs to address crime and crime related problems; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has deemed the compilation and analysis of criminal justice information to be of "extreme necessity"; and

WHEREAS, this Administration is committed to taking all practical steps possible to improve the criminal justice system and reduce the incidence of crime in Maine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order and direct:

1. The establishment of the Maine Criminal Justice Data Center (MCJDC) to be located within the Department of Corrections;
2. The MCJDC to serve all facets of the criminal justice community as a central clearinghouse for statistical analysis for the criminal justice system in Maine and the Department of Justice of the United States, to the extent it wishes to use the information so compiled;
3. The MCJDC to undertake, from time to time, appropriate criminal justice research in response to problems identified by the Governor or state criminal justice agencies, as well as such research in response to federal requests for state based research,

  
 JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
 Governor