

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6
JULY 10, 1978

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH COUNCIL FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is committed to improve the scope and quality of criminal justice services to its people, including effective court administration, protection of juveniles in custody, prevention and detection of crimes, police and public safety, corrections and rehabilitation of adult offenders, and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands agrees that the financial and technical resources of the Federal Government should be used to provide constructive aid and assistance to State and local governments in improving the scope and quality of criminal justice services to its people and in combatting the serious problem of crime; and

WHEREAS, representative citizen participation and harmony of purpose of governmental agencies are essential to the improvement of the system of criminal justice planning and administration; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has applied for financial assistance from the United States Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration pursuant to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended; now, therefore,

1. There is established in the Department of Public Safety the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for Improvement of the Criminal Justice System (Council)

2. The Council shall be composed of not more than fifteen members chaired by a chair person to be elected by the council. The Council members shall include the Director of Public Safety, the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Trial Court or the Associate Judge if so designated by the Chief Judge; the Public Defender; the Chief of Police; the Principal Probation or Parole Officer of the commonwealth as designated by the Governor; the Superintendent of Education; the Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs; the Chief Administrative Officer; the Planning and Budgeting Officer; five (5) citizen members to be appointed by the Governor and one (1) citizen member to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. Citizen members shall be representative of the respective islands or groups of islands. Citizen members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Vacancies of ex-officio and citizen members shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. No member of the council shall be compensated for service on the Council except as may be authorized by the law but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses in connection with service on the Council and within budgetary appropriations for such purpose.

3. The executive Director of the Council shall be the chief of police unless another designation is made by the governor.

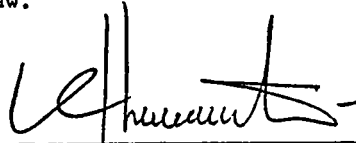
4. The Council shall serve as the state criminal justice improvement and planning agency of the Northern Mariana Islands and function in a manner consonant with the constitution and statutes of the Northern Mariana Islands and the federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended.

5. The Council shall define goals and develop standards for the criminal justice system; conduct or authorize a criminal justice plan and annual revisions to it and other appropriate planning studies for the improvement of law enforcement and criminal justice, building on work already completed, including studies pertaining to the protection of juveniles in criminal proceedings; provide advice to the governor in the areas of its competence; identify, conduct, oversee or coordinate programs, including demonstration projects, for the prevention of crimes, effectiveness of criminal procedures, and the care, treatment and rehabilitation of offenders; monitor and assess criminal justice activities; and recommend legislation or regulations to the governor as may be appropriate. The Council shall serve in an advisory coordinative capacity to the branches and agencies of the government in its area of competence and may provide technical advice on request.

6. The Council shall prepare an annual report which shall be made public, and the governor shall transmit copies of it to the legislature.

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7. It is the intent of this executive order that there be a single multi-membered participatory and planning or advisory body in the Department of Public Safety. The governor may assign additional duties and responsibility to the Council consistent with the Commonwealth law.



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Governor