I, JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has been a leader in its commitment to preventing violence and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has an obligation to ensure that its programs are coordinated and effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order:

The establishment of the Minnesota S.A.F.E. Coordinating Council:

1. The purpose of the Coordinating Council is to create a strategic plan for addressing violence and drug abuse in Minnesota and to ensure that the programs currently scattered throughout state government are working together toward a common goal.
2. The Coordinating Council shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the Governor. The Coordinating Council shall consist of the Commissioners of Public Safety; Corrections; Health; Human Services; Children, Families and Learning; and Economic Security along with the Adjutant General of Military Affairs, Attorney General, Director of Minnesota Planning, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the U.S. Attorney. The Chair of the Coordinating Board shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

3. The Minnesota S.A.F.E. Coordinating Council shall develop a statewide strategic plan to prevent violence, crime and drug abuse.

4. The Minnesota S.A.F.E. Coordinating Council shall review and evaluate programs in state agencies that significantly affect prevention and intervention issues and ensure consistency with the statewide strategic plan as developed by the Council.

5. State agencies shall submit to the Council all proposed legislation of major significance relating to the coordination of the prevention and intervention issues, and the Council shall submit a report to the Governor and Legislature with comments on such proposals of state agencies.

6. Staff and consultant support for Council activities shall be provided by the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention. The Council shall have the authority to request and require staff support from all other agencies of state government as needed for the execution of the responsibilities of the Council.

This Order shall be reviewed by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, every two years in order to assess its reasonableness and need.
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this tenth day of September, 1999.

JESSE VENTURA
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State