

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C2-95-1476

**ORDER EXTENDING PILOT PROJECT
ON OPEN HEARINGS IN JUVENILE
PROTECTION MATTERS**

By Order filed January 22, 1998, the Supreme Court established a three-year pilot project authorizing open hearings in juvenile protection proceedings. The pilot project commenced June 22, 1998.

By the same Order, the Court directed that an independent research organization conduct an evaluation of the pilot project and file a report addressing the impact of open hearings and records. The State Court Administrator contracted with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to conduct the evaluation. The NCSC is scheduled to submit its report by July 31, 2001. Upon submission of the NCSC Open Hearings Evaluation Report the Court intends to publish the report and issue an order setting the matter for public hearing.

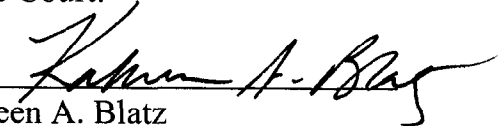
By virtue of an under the inherent power and statutory authority of the Minnesota Supreme Court to regulate public access to records and proceedings of the judicial branch,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

The Open Hearings Pilot Project shall continue through December 31, 2001, or until further order of the Court, which ever occurs first.

Dated: June 19, 2001

By the Court:


Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice

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