STATE OF MINNESOTA **DISTRICT COURT**

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN **FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

IN RE ACCESS TO AND DISCLOSURE OF PROBATION RECORDS MAINTAINED BY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO FACILITATE THE STATEWIDE DRUG COURT EVALUATION PERFORMED BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Court Administrator's Office is performing a Statewide Drug Court Evaluation to assess the effectiveness of drug courts operating throughout Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation will require review of various probation records of participants in drug courts and other individuals under probation supervision for comparison purposes; and

WHEREAS, the community corrections and court services agencies throughout the Fourth Judicial District maintain records and other information related to participants in drug court programs and other individuals under probation supervision; and

WHEREAS, sound public policy supports access to and disclosure of these records in order to ensure an accurate, thorough evaluation of drug courts operating in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 609.115, subds. 4 and 6, and 13.84, subd. 5(f), allow for disclosure of the information contained in those files pursuant to a court order; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned serves as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 609.115, subds. 4 and 6; 13.84, subd. 5(f); and 484.69, subd. 3,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that access to and disclosure of records and other information maintained by the following agencies related to participants in drug court programs and other individuals under probation supervision shall be provided to representatives of the Minnesota State Court Administrator for purposes of conducting the Statewide Drug Court Evaluation:

Hennepin County Community Corrections and Rehabilitation Department

April 7, 2011

BY THE COURT:

James T. Swenson
Fourth Judicial District Chief Judge