STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

#C4-85-1848

ORDER AUTHORIZING ACCESS TO RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS OF ONE JUDGE/ONE FAMILY PILOT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the National Center for State Courts has contracted with the State Court Administrator to prepare an evaluation of the One Judge/One Family pilot projects (hereinafter "Pilot Projects"); and

WHEREAS, court records and proceedings of the Pilot Projects contain sensitive, confidential information, and the National Center of State Courts desires access to this information to complete the evaluation; and

WHERAS, the National Center for State Courts has agreed in writing not to disclose to any third party any information in the court records and proceedings of the Pilot Projects from which the identity of any individual or other characteristic that could uniquely identify any individual is ascertainable; and

WHEREAS, sound public policy, reflected in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.05, subdivision 7, supports disclosure of the Records pursuant to a nondisclosure agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Rule 2 of the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch, and by virtue of and under the inherent power and statutory authority of the Minnesota Supreme Court to regulate public access to records maintained by the judicial branch, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the National Center for State Courts is granted access to the court records and proceedings of the Pilot Projects in Anoka and Sherbourne counties subject to the conditions set forth in state contract number 420754 between the State Court Administrator and the National Center for State Courts, as amended by Contract Amendment No. 1 thereto.

Dated: September 21, 1998

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BY THE COURT:

Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice