

TONIGHT IS A NEW BEGINNING FOR ALL OF US -- A NIGHT FOR HEALING, AND A FRESH START.

BY OPERATION OF LAW, I AM CHARGED WITH THE ORDERLY ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY FOR THE NEXT 90 DAYS. A DECENT MAN DOES NOT REVEL IN THE MISFORTUNE OF ANOTHER, BUT NEITHER DOES A RESPONSIBLE MAN SHIRK A DUTY THRUST UPON HIM BY LAW. I AM ACCEPTING THE AWESOME OBLIGATION PLACED UPON ME TONIGHT.

I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I WILL DEVOTE ALL OF MY ENERGY, ALL OF MY RESOURCES, TO THE TASK AT HAND. I AM HERE TONIGHT TO TELL YOU THAT THE PAST IS BEHIND US, TOMORROW AND FOR ALL OF THE TOMORROWS THAT FOLLOW, WE MUST FORM "A NEW PACT FOR PROVIDENCE" -- A SOLEMN AGREEMENT THAT TOGETHER, USING THE GREATEST RESOURCES OF THIS CITY -- HER PEOPLE -- WE WILL BUILD A SECURE FUTURE FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

WE MUST RESTORE THE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST OF THE PEOPLE OF PROVIDENCE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT. WE MUST STREAMLINE OUR CITY'S MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, ROUTE OUT CORRUPTION WHEREVER IT EXISTS, AND ESTABLISH AN ATMOSPHERE OF PREDICTABILITY, STABILITY AND UNCOM- PROMISING PROFESSIONALISM.

POLITICAL DIFFERENCES HAVE NO PLACE IN THIS PACT, AND WE MUST SET THEM ASIDE NOW. FEAR OF CHANGE HAS NO PLACE IN THIS PACT. CHANGE IS INEVITABLE IF PROGRESS IS TO FOLLOW. WE MUST IMPLEMENT NEW AND PROVEN IDEAS AND PRACTICES.

TO PROGRESS, WE MUST HEAL THE WOUND THAT DIVIDED US, WE MUST SOFTEN THE RHETORIC AND STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE TO MANAGE THE CITY EFFECTIVELY, HONESTLY AND FAIRLY.

AS I LOOK AT YOU, THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL -- PEOPLE WITH WHOM I HAVE SERVED FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS -- I FEEL A STRONG SENSE OF KINSHIP AND WARMTH. WE HAVE SHARED MANY OF THE CITY'S TRIUMPHS

AND TRIBULATIONS, AND I THINK WE ARE ALL KEENLY AWARE OF PROVIDENCE'S UNIQUENESS, OF ITS RESILIENCY AND ITS VAST POTENTIAL. THE TASKS BEFORE US REQUIRE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, ETHNIC GROUPS, AND CIVIC LEADERS.

I PLEDGE TO RUN THE KIND OF OPEN, FAIR AND HONEST ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL ENCOURAGE EACH OF THESE VITAL SEGEMENTS OF OUR CITY TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND WORK TOGETHER FOR THE CITY'S ADVANCEMENT.

BECAUSE THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US ARE SO URGENT AND DEMANDING, I AM TAKING THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE OF PROVIDENCE THAT THEIR CITY GOVERNMENT WILL BE RUN EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY: *I am introducing 4 executive orders*

EXECUTIVE ORDER #1 INSTITUTING PURCHASING CONTROLS

EXECUTIVE ORDER #2 INSTITUTING PERSONNEL CONTROLS

EXECUTIVE ORDER #3 TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

IN ADDITION, I AM ALSO ISSUING AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING A "MAYOR'S MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE". THIS TASK FORCE WILL ASSIST AND ADVISE ME ON A DAILY BASIS TO INSURE THAT THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE CITY ARE CONDUCTED IN A BUSINESS LIKE MANNER.

ONE OF THE TASK FORCE'S PRIME OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO PROTECT PROVIDENCE TAXPAYERS FROM WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT, WHILE ALSO PROTECTING CITY EMPLOYEES FROM ABUSE OR INTIMIDATION.

TONIGHT, I ASK YOU ALL TO ENTER WITH ME INTO THIS PACT FOR PROVIDENCE.

WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT WITH THE PRAYERS AND SUPPORT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF PROVIDENCE, THE JOB OF MOVING OUR CITY FORWARD, WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.

*Together we will Succeed*