20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF COLORADO
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 12-101
SUBJECT: Alcohol and Drugs in the Courthouses

To: **Judges and Magistrates, District Administrator, Clerk of Court, Chief Probation Officer, Sheriff, County Attorney, Community Justice Services, District Attorney, Public Defender, Coroner and Boulder Municipal Court**

From: **Roxanne Bailin** **DATE: December 11, 2012**
Chief District Judge

Whereas the People of the State of Colorado have amended the Colorado Constitution to legalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana;

And whereas Amendment XVIII (16)(6)(d) provides that:

> NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT A PERSON, EMPLOYER, SCHOOL, HOSPITAL, DETENTION FACILITY, CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WHO OCCUPIES, OWNS OR CONTROLS A PROPERTY FROM PROHIBITING OR OTHERWISE REGULATING THE POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION, USE, DISPLAY, TRANSFER, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, TRANSPORTATION, OR GROWING OF MARIJUANA ON OR IN THAT PROPERTY.

And whereas the Sheriff of Boulder County has requested the issuance of an Administrative Order regarding the presence of marijuana, alcohol, and controlled substances in court facilities;

And whereas the courts have the inherent power to regulate their own environment to provide for the safe, effective administration of justice, to enable the courts to perform their duties efficiently, and to provide for their dignity, independence, and integrity. See Article III, Colorado Constitution; *Pena v. District Court*, 681 P.2d 953 (Colo. 1984).

And whereas this inherent power specifically includes the ability to make orders providing for the safety and security of the court. (*Board of County Commissioners v. Weld County v. 19th Judicial District*, 895 P.2d 545 (Colo. 1995));

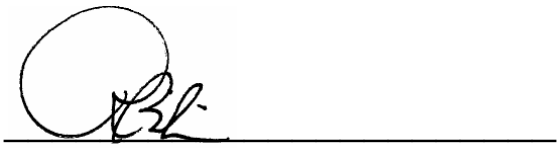
And whereas the Chief Judge of a judicial district has authority to enter such orders as may be needed to provide for the security and safety of the court (Chief Justice Directive 95- 01; *Board of County Commissioners, supra*; *People ex. rel. Sullivan V. Swihart,* 897 P.2d 822 (Colo. 1995).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. No person shall bring into the Boulder County Justice Center or the Longmont Courthouse any alcoholic beverages, whether unmixed or mixed with other liquids, or marijuana, whether for medical purposes or otherwise and whether legal or illegal regardless of amount. In addition, no person shall bring any controlled substances into the Boulder County Justice Center or the Longmont Courthouse, except as indicated in Paragraph 2.

2. This order does not include any medication the container for which shows that the person in possession of said medication has a lawful prescription for the medication.

3. This order does not include any paraphernalia commonly used with marijuana or controlled substances.



Hon. Roxanne Bailin
Chief Judge
Twentieth Judicial District