

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
HARRISBURG

## PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 4; Article IV, Section 12; and Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution, I, Thomas J. Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby convene the General Assembly in special and extraordinary session, to meet in the Capitol, at Harrisburg, on Monday, January 23, 1995, at 1:00 p.m., to consider legislation, including relevant appropriations, upon the following subjects:

1. An orderly process to implement the death penalty.
2. Reduction of juvenile crime by reforming the system and laws relating to crimes committed by juveniles.
3. Enhancement of the ability of law enforcement officials and the judiciary to identify, prosecute, punish and monitor sex offenders and child molesters.
4. Reform of the pardons and commutations system and laws to ensure the public safety.
5. Improvement of public safety by denying bail to dangerous prisoners; by imprisoning dangerous offenders for longer prison terms; by increasing available prison space in which to incarcerate offenders; by limiting judicial remedies in prison conditions litigation; and by limiting access to firearms by minors and others likely to misuse them.
6. Revision of the "Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act."
7. Improvement of the delivery and scope of services and restitution to crime victims.
8. Authorization of the Department of Corrections to implement inmate work programs.
9. Elimination of substance abuse by convicted State offenders and of contraband within State correctional facilities.

10. Improvement of coordination and cooperation among law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

11. Reduction of violence in schools and communities through school-based and community-based crime prevention.

**GIVEN** under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and nineteenth.

**THOMAS J. RIDGE**  
Governor

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Yvette Kane  
Secretary of the Commonwealth