The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #20

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 6 of the Wisconsin Constitution vests in the Governor the exclusive power to grant pardons, commutations, and reprieves at his discretion; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous for the Governor, the public, and the clemency applicants to have an informed review of each applicant that is granted a hearing; and

WHEREAS, an informed review will be accomplished by a board of advisors; and

WHEREAS, all concerned will benefit from a uniform application process;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby create the Governor's Pardon Advisory Board according to the following guidelines:

1. The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board shall consist of any number of individuals appointed by the Governor according to the following:

2. Each member shall be chosen and serve at the discretion and pleasure of the Governor.

3. The Governor's Chief Legal Counsel or his/her designee shall be a voting member and shall chair the Board.

4. The Board shall review all applications for executive clemency for which a hearing is held, and the Board shall make recommendations to the Governor as to each.

5. Three members constitute a quorum for executive action by the Board.

6. Factors the Board shall consider in making its recommendation include the severity of the offense, the time passed since discharge or conviction, the applicant's need for clemency, the applicant's activities and conduct since the offense, and any other factor the Board believes is appropriate to consider.

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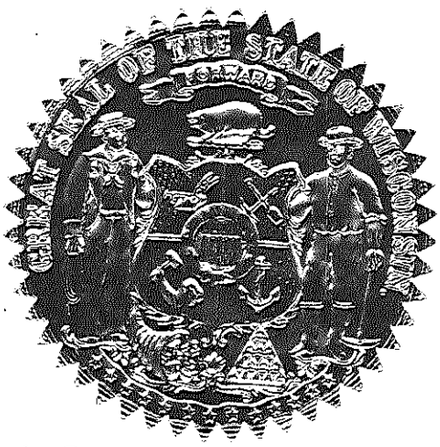

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixteenth day of March, in the year two thousand eleven.

SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

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