

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER W-92-94**

**WHEREAS**, restoring and revitalizing the State's urban centers continues to be a priority of this Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, graffiti has become a major problem on urban transportation facilities and has created a blight in many urbanized areas of California; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic safety and congestion problems are magnified when road signs are targets; and

**WHEREAS**, the defacing of transportation facilities creates visual pollution and degrades neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, property values are severely lowered where writings are prevalent; and

**WHEREAS**, clean urban roads and neighborhoods promote economic investment and a sense of security in those areas; and

**WHEREAS**, removal of the writings consumes large quantities of time and money which have to be diverted from other public service activities; and

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Transportation expenditures for cleanup of graffiti last year were 25 times what they were in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Multi-Agency Graffiti Intervention Committees (MAGIC) have been formed in major urban areas of the State to coordinate State and local efforts to prevent graffiti; and Caltrans and the MAGICs have undertaken numerous efforts in this regard;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. There is hereby created the Graffiti Removal and Intervention Program (GRIP).
2. The program shall be administered and coordinated by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and shall enlist the cooperation of the California Conservation Corps (CCC), local law enforcement agencies, courts and probation departments.
3. Caltrans, through the Graffiti Removal and Intervention Program shall:

\* expand cooperative agreements with the CCC to employ CCC members in Caltrans' graffiti cleanup efforts;

- \* seek agreements with juvenile courts, district attorneys and probation departments to establish work programs whereby offenders must work cleaning up graffiti for a portion of their sentence;
- \* in cooperation with MAGICs, develop, with local and state law enforcement agencies, tougher laws/fines/penalties for graffiti offenders;
- \* cooperate with city police, sheriffs, the California Highway Patrol, and district attorneys to apprehend and successfully prosecute felony vandal cases;
- \* and work with civil courts to implement restitution procedures.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of June 1994.

Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

Secretary of State