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STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

**EXECUTIVE ORDER: 07-18**

**FOR: PARDON**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS;

**WHEREAS**, WILLIAM BENDER, who has petitioned for a pardon, was convicted in 1980 in Elkhart County of Robbery, for which he served a sentence of six (6) years, plus a period of probation; and

**WHEREAS**, the petitioner, who successfully completed his incarceration and probation, is a married 47-year-old Ohio resident; and

**WHEREAS**, the petitioner has numerous letters of support from family, friends, co-workers, past and present employees, and community leaders, all of whom recommend that his petition for pardon be granted; and

**WHEREAS**, the petitioner is a family man who believes in rehabilitation and acts as the Reverend in the Southeast Ohio Regional Jail to support youth in legal trouble; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parole Board, after careful investigation and examination of all the facts in this case, has unanimously recommended that this pardon be granted.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.**, Governor of the State of Indiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of said State, do hereby issue a pardon to WILLIAM BENDER.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I**, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Governor of Indiana

SEAL

ATTEST: Todd Rokita  
Secretary of State

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