

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-08  
RELATING TO DECLARATION OF A CRIME EMERGENCY**

**BACKGROUND**

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of the citizens of Philadelphia is properly the concern of City government;

WHEREAS, the prevention of crime within Philadelphia and the apprehension of individuals who bear responsibility for criminal conduct is the responsibility and concern of the Police Department, among other agencies;

WHEREAS, during the year of 2007, there were on average five shootings per day in the City of Philadelphia and the murder rate was in excess of a person a day;

WHEREAS, crime in the City should be recognized as an emergency and the Police Commissioner should be directed to advise the Mayor of his view, after appropriate inquiry, of an appropriate plan for addressing that emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, it is hereby ordered:

**SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF CRIME EMERGENCY**

A Crime Emergency is hereby declared in the City of Philadelphia. The Police Commissioner is hereby directed to make an immediate inquiry into the situation, report his findings to the Mayor, and present to the Mayor by January 30, 2008 a comprehensive plan to address and alleviate the Crime Emergency.

**SECTION 2. COOPERATION**


All departments, offices, boards, commissions and agencies of City government, and all members of the Executive Branch, are hereby directed to cooperate with the Police

Commissioner in connection with his responsibilities hereunder. The Police Commissioner shall consult with and obtain the guidance of the City Solicitor in connection with the inquiry described in Section 1 hereof.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.**

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Date: January 7, 2008

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael A. Nutter, Mayor