EXECUTIVE ORDER
CREATING THE
COLORADO CONSORTIUM ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, global warming is an aspect of climatic change that is an increasing source of concern and scientific study in Colorado, the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is blessed with a concentration of scientific research and educational institutions related to global climate change unrivaled in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of knowledge related to global climate change will greatly aid in cleaning Colorado's air, providing new business and educational opportunities for Colorado citizens and helping to guide strategic planning for Colorado's future; and

WHEREAS, scientific, educational, governmental and business interests should work together to formulate thoughtful responses to global climate change and consequential environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, the members of Colorado's congressional delegation would benefit from the information and technical support provided by a Colorado consortium of educational and scientific institutions knowledgeable in the area of global climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The Colorado Consortium on Global Climate Change is created. Members of the Consortium shall include all of the following or their designees:

   - The Governor of Colorado, chair;

   - The executive vice president of the Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, co-chair;

   - The director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado;
- The director of the Environmental Research Laboratories, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder, Colorado;

- The managing director of the Solar Energy Research Institute in Golden, Colorado;

- The director of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado;

- The director of the Center for Analysis of the Dynamics of the Regional Ecosystem at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado;

- The director of the Denver Research Institute at the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado; and

- The director of the Department of Environmental Sciences at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

2. Associate members of the Consortium shall include all of the following or their designees:

- The regional administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region VIII office;

- The executive director of the Colorado Department of Health;

- The executive director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies;

- The director of the Colorado Office of Energy Conservation; and

- The chair of the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission.

3. The Governor may designate additional members or associate members at the request of the Consortium or on his own initiative.

4. The goals of the Consortium shall be as follows:

a. To enhance communication and coordination among federal agencies, state universities, state agencies, private businesses and other interested parties within Colorado on research into the impacts on the world's atmosphere of human activities, especially the production of man-made pollutants, and on ways to mitigate the impacts of these activities and reduce these pollutants;
b. To build on Colorado's leadership in science and technology to promote federal, state and private support for coordinated research and education on atmospheric change;

c. To attract to Colorado business and employment opportunities related to atmospheric sciences and global warming, such as renewable energy and conservation research and applications;

d. To strengthen and promote educational opportunities for scientists and others concerned with atmospheric change, and provide reliable information to improve the quality of public debate on this issue; and

e. To promote effective communication between Consortium members and local, state and federal policy makers on issues relating to global warming, climate change and atmospheric sciences.

5. The Consortium shall:

a. Work to coordinate and encourage research in Colorado on global warming, ozone depletion and related issues, consistent with the mission of the Committee on Earth Sciences at the federal level;

b. Develop a compilation/media resource guide of Colorado scientists and research organizations describing the breadth and depth of the work being done in atmospheric sciences and related issues in Colorado;

c. Work with member agencies, state government and Colorado's congressional delegation to increase financial support for research in Colorado;

d. Work with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to promote environmental education programs of excellence within Colorado colleges and universities;

e. Identify specific strategies to promote greater public understanding of atmospheric change;

f. Work with local, state and federal officials to provide policy makers with timely access to current scientific information on global warming and atmospheric issues affecting the Colorado region and the United States at large; and
g. Work with the Colorado Office of Economic Development, the Colorado Advanced Technology Institute and other entities to identify opportunities to expand existing businesses and attract new businesses working in areas related to climate change and atmospheric research.

6. The Consortium may designate one of its members as Consortium manager. Staff support for the Consortium shall be provided by its various members and by the Governor's Office.

7. The Consortium shall sunset on December 31, 1991, unless its existence is extended beyond that date by an executive order of the Governor.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 23 day of March 1990

Roy Romer
Governor