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State of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DENVER

RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING A METRIC ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, metrication issues in the private and business lives of Colorado citizens are becoming pervasive; and

WHEREAS, a subcommittee of the Governor's Science and Technology Advisory Committee was created in response to a direct request from the Governor regarding metrication in a letter dated August 20, 1975; and


WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of that subcommittee was the formation of a board to advise the Governor on metrication;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby direct that:

1. A Metric Advisory Board be established to advise the Governor's Office on the following:
 - a. Actions that should be initiated by State government in support of or in addition to anticipated national and local initiatives in the area of metrication;
 - b. The effects metrication will have on the operation of State and local governments, and the subsequent actions required;
 - c. What existing Colorado statutes, rules and regulations need to be modified, and the substance of these changes;
 - d. What the State government's role should be in coordinating transition with the private sector; and
 - e. What the Governor and his Administration's role should be in responding to the issues identified above.
2. The Metric Advisory Board will be appointed by the Governor and will include, but not be limited to, representatives of the State Legislature, industry, labor, education, government, small business, agriculture and the general public.

3. The number of board members will not exceed 15. Members will serve without pay. The Board will meet at least quarterly.
4. The Chairperson will be the representative to the Board from the Weights and Measures Division of the Colorado Department of Agriculture. His/her duties will include:
 - a. To act as liaison with the U. S. Metric Conversion Board or its designated agents, and Interstate Metric Committee of the National Governors' Association;
 - b. To provide responses to inquiries from State agencies, the general public and other non-governmental agencies (including industry);
 - c. To prepare an annual report with the Metric Advisory Board for submission to the Governor; and
 - d. To consult with the Board on any matter not already stipulated by the Board.
5. The Board will respond to recommendations of the U. S. Metric Board, suggest timely changes in Colorado's statutes as necessary to implement metric conversion. It will also consult with interested parties, including citizen groups, to determine the effect of proposed changes on the citizens and industries of Colorado.
6. The Board will present its suggestions to the Governor's Planning Coordinating Council (PCC) in order that the PCC may encourage State agencies to plan for metrication, to anticipate federal actions, to coordinate cross-agency lines, and to develop information for estimating the internal and external impacts of metrication actions.
7. At the end of the first two years, the Executive Director of the Department of Agriculture shall review the work of the Board and recommend to the Governor whether the Board should be continued. The Governor shall consider the recommendation and unless there is positive gubernatorial action, the Board shall cease to exist.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this 15 day
of December, A.D., 1978.



Richard D. Lamm
Governor