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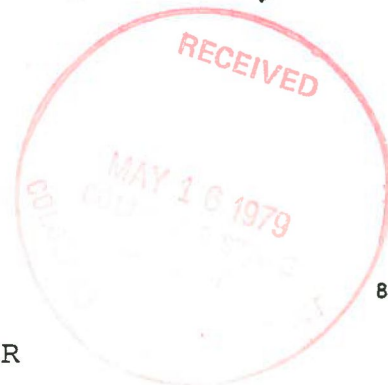
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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor



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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, small businesses are the economic backbone of the Colorado economy; and

WHEREAS, small businesses provide needed services and products and employ thousands of Colorado citizens; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, construction, finance, transportation, real estate, insurance, and services have played a vital role in the progressive development of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have significantly contributed to the development of a stable, diverse Colorado economy; and

WHEREAS, no state mechanism exists to identify the needs and problems of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of small businesses should be used to improve state government and its relationship to small business;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of the State of Colorado, do hereby create a Small Business Council for the following purposes:

1. Provide periodic evaluation of proposed and existing state and federal programs and laws designed to assist or which affect small businesses;
2. Make recommendations for regulatory and statutory changes needed, at all levels of government, to encourage the initiation, stability and growth of small business enterprises;
3. Identify areas of greatest need for the allocation of existing federal and state funds earmarked to assist small businesses;

