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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

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;

4. At the request of the Governor, identify any special problems confronting small businesses in Colorado that can be solved by Executive agencies;
5. Provide a public forum at which the views of the small business person and other experts can be brought to the attention of the State.

The Small Business Council shall be composed of eighteen members appointed by the Governor, and serving at the pleasure of the Governor, as follows:

1. The State Treasurer, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Council and direct its work;
2. Four members, one from each of the four economic regions of the State, as defined by the Department of Local Affairs, Division of Commerce and Development;
3. Thirteen members, one from each of the State's major employment sectors: agriculture, mining, construction, manufacturing, transportation, wholesaling, retailing, tourism, finance, insurance, real estate, utilities, and services.

The Council shall meet at least quarterly in Denver to pursue its work and submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor. Members of the Council shall serve without salary, or reimbursement for expenses associated with the Council's work.

Agencies of State government shall cooperate fully with the Council in pursuing its work. Staff assistance to the Council shall be provided by the Division of Commerce and Development within the limitations of the Division's resources.

The Small Business Council shall be terminated not later than April 10, 1981 unless reviewed by the Governor by appropriate action prior to that date.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of Colorado, this tenth day of April, A.D., 1979.


GOVERNOR

