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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ESTABLISHING THE SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL

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Richard D. Lamm,
Governor

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, amending Executive Order #B000379, for the following purposes:

1. 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;
2. At the request of the Governor, identify any special problems confronting small businesses in Colorado that can be solved by Executive Agencies;
3. Make recommendations for regulatory and statutory changes needed, at all levels of government to encourage the initiation, stability and growth of small business enterprises;
4. Identify areas of greatest need for the allocation of existing federal and state funds earmarked to assist small businesses;
5. Provide periodic evaluation of proposed and existing state and federal programs and laws designed to assist or which affect small businesses.

