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EXECUTIVE ORDER
CREATION OF LONG TERM CARE PLANNING GROUP

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WHEREAS, Colorado has almost a quarter million residents aged 65 and over; and

WHEREAS, over 42,000 of these residents are functionally impaired, by chronic illnesses, physical or mental deficiencies, or social problems which reduce their ability to carry out independently the customary activities of life; and

WHEREAS, numerous reports by legislative committees, the Human Services Policy Council, and independent researchers have identified long term care services for the functionally impaired elderly to be in need of further study and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Alternatives to Long Term Nursing Home Care Act, codified as C.R.S. 1973, 26-4.5-101 et seq. (1980), declared the policy of this state as follows:

- a. To maintain eligible persons at home and to minimize admission to institutions;
- b. To provide optimum accessibility to various important social and health resources that are available to assist eligible persons in maintaining independent living;
- c. To provide that eligible persons who are moderately impaired or frail but who have the capacity to remain in an independent living situation have access to the appropriate social and health services without which independent living would not be possible;
- d. To provide the most efficient and effective use of funds in the delivery of these social and health services;
- e. To coordinate, integrate, and link such social and health services by removing obstacles which impede or limit improvements in delivery of these services;
- f. To allow the state substantial flexibility in organizing or administering the delivery of social and health services to eligible citizens; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for long term care services is fragmented among state agencies, including the Departments of Social Services, Health, Institutions, and Local Affairs; and

WHEREAS, significant number of private agencies, advisory councils, and interest groups are also involved in the planning and delivery of long term care services; and

WHEREAS, in my letter of July 1, 1980, to the Executive Director of the Department , I designated the Department of Social Services to be the lead agency for purposes of submitting a Long Term Care System Development Grant Proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded grant funds to Colorado in accordance with the aforementioned Proposal; and

