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EXECUTIVE ORDER

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF 1984 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

WHEREAS, In 1984, the voters of the State of Colorado passed by a majority vote, an amendment to the State Constitution prohibiting use of public funds by the state or any of its agencies or political subdivisions to pay or reimburse, directly or indirectly, any person, agency, or facility for any induced abortion, but permitting the general assembly, by specific bill, to authorize and appropriate funds for medical services necessary to prevent the death of a a pregnant woman or her unborn child if every reasonable effort is made to preserve the life of each; and

WHEREAS, Since becoming law, this decision has had a significant impact on the lives of many individuals; and

WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that the net effect of this law may actually cost the state money rather than save scarce public resources;

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 ORDER THAT:

1. The Commission to Study the Impact of 1984 Constitutional Amendment #3 is established for the purpose of determining the socio-economic impact of this constitutional amendment.
2. The Commission shall consist of not more than ten individuals who shall serve on a strictly voluntary basis. Representation on the Commission should include but not be limited to economic, medical, statistical, and psychological expertise.
3. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses associated with the work of the Commission. Members of the Commission will provide necessary staff support.

