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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

DIVISION OF HEALTH STATISTICS AND VITAL RECORDS TO ADMINISTER THE STATE HEALTH STATISTICS PROGRAM

WHEPEAS, timely and accurate data is essential in measuring the health status of the people of Colorado and in planning and evaluating health programs and providing appropriate health services; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 95-623, enacted by the Congress on November 9, 1978, requires that the states participating in the Cooperative Health Statistics System under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, shall designate a state agency to administer or be responsible for the administration of the statistical activities within the state as they come within the Cooperative System; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Office of Vital Statistics is placed by Statute in the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health also administers other components of the Cooperative Health Statistics System;

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 direct:

that the Division of Health Statistics and Vital Records within the Department of Health hereafter shall be the state agency responsible for administering the state health statistics program, and, further, that it shall continue its efforts to reduce duplication of data collection and processing; to improve the quality, timeliness, and comparability of health data; to provide equal access by all appropriate data users within the bounds of appropriate policy concerning confidentiality of individual identifiable data and to further the goals and objectives of the Cooperative Health Statistics System.

In addition, I authorize the Executive Director of the Department of Health to appoint a Health Data Advisory Committee and to establish procedures by which such committee shall function and be able to advise the Department on matters of health statistics collection and use.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this first day
of March, A.D., 1979.

Richard D. Lamm
Governor

