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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, it is prudent to establish in advance administrative arrangements for governmental coordination and the provision of State assistance to localities which face disaster conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a high probability that Colorado may experience floods from the snow melt during the next four to six weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Military Affairs and the State Emergency Operations Center require improved capabilities to serve as the focal point of State emergency response in disaster situations;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to my authority under the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1973, C.R.S. 1973, 28-2-101, et seq., I do hereby appoint MR. JOHN P. BYRNE to be my Special Assistant to assist in managing the disaster preparedness programs of the State for the duration of his appointment. He shall have the authority to:

1. Establish procedures to facilitate coordination between State and local governments in planning for and providing assistance to the citizens of Colorado in disaster situations.
2. Identify and correct deficiencies in the capability of State government to coordinate from the Emergency Operations Center the response by State departments, agencies and regional offices to requests for assistance from local authorities.
3. Require participation of any department or agency of State government on the State disaster team.
4. Review department or agency plans to respond to disaster situations and request improvements as needed.
5. Review the Colorado Natural Disaster Emergency Operations Plan for adequacy and direct improvements where necessary.

6. Assign specific response tasks to officials of the Department of Military Affairs to shorten response time to emergencies and improve training and readiness of responding organizations.
7. Identify needs for emergency expenditures of State funds for immediate improvements in the Emergency Operations Center.
8. Conduct drills and exercises in the Emergency Operations Center of the State disaster team and of departmental response plans.
9. Activate the Emergency Operations Center when actual disaster conditions appear imminent.
10. Act as the State Coordinating Officer in a declared state of emergency.

At the termination of his appointment, he shall provide a report to the Management and Efficiency Task Force, containing recommendations for areas of improvement in long-term State capability to respond to disaster situations.

The Division of Disaster Emergency Services shall cooperate with and implement the decisions made under this Executive Order, as required by C.R.S. 1973, 28-2-105(6)(k).



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this 18th day
of May, A.D., 1979.

Richard D. Lamm
Governor