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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
TO ADMINISTER LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has signed Public Law #96-223 which provides for a program of benefits to low-income families to ameliorate the high cost of energy, and

WHEREAS, the provision of such assistance, known as the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, is designed to aid those who receive payments under State Public Assistance programs such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Assistance, and other programs, together with other individuals whose income is within the limits described in relation to the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Social Services is authorized under C.R.S. 1973, 26-1-109 and 111, to supervise such public assistance programs and is experienced in the necessary administrative practices; and

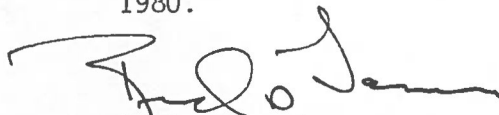
WHEREAS, it is the objective of this administration to provide assistance benefits equitably and efficiently to the various groups of eligible recipients, utilizing all available resources and avoiding duplication of benefits thereto; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the low-income segment of the Colorado population to distribute the benefits which are available under the Low Income Energy Assistance Program as expeditiously and efficiently as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby ORDER THAT:

1. The Colorado Department of Social Services is designated as the responsible agency to administer the Low Income Assistance Program in accordance with applicable provisions of State and Federal laws and regulations.
2. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program shall be administered in accordance with a State Plan developed under Federal laws and Regulations (45 CFR Part 260) by the State Board of Social Services and approved by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services - Social Security Administration.
3. The Department of Social Services shall utilize available resources in efforts to inform the recipient population about energy conservation and other energy-related resources.
4. The Department of Social Services shall include provisions concerning energy conservation and termination of utility service to recipients in agreements negotiated with fuel vendors for providing direct vendor payments on behalf of recipients.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this twelfth
day of September, A.D.,
1980.


Richard D. Lamm
Governor

