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EXECUTIVE ORDER

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER
THE REFUGEE SERVICES PLAN FOR COLORADO

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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has signed Public Law #96-212, known as the Refugee Act of 1980, which authorizes the provision of assistance and services to refugees in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in order for the State to receive refugee resettlement assistance from the allotment of funds under Section 414 of the Act, a State Plan or plan amendments must be reviewed by myself or my designee prior to submittal to the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such assistance and services, known as the Colorado Refugee Services Program, is intended for the effective resettlement of refugees and to assist them to achieve economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible; 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 and service programs and is experienced in the necessary administrative practices; and

WHEREAS, it is the objective of this administration to provide high quality assistance and services equitably to the various groups of eligible refugees through the utilization and coordination of all available resources, while avoiding duplication of services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Colorado's eligible refugee population that available services for refugees under the Act be provided expeditiously and efficiently;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to my authority under the statutes and constitution of Colorado, do hereby ORDER THAT:

1. The Colorado Department of Social Services is designated as the sole responsible agency for the development, review, and administration of Colorado's Refugee Services Plan in accordance with applicable provision of State and Federal laws and regulations.

