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DISASTER EMERGENCY
FOR GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION

WHEREAS, Colorado's farmers and ranchers contribute more than \$3 billion annually to the economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, this economy may be threatened by a serious infestation of grasshoppers; and

WHEREAS, the 1981 survey of adult grasshoppers revealed that 10,991,720 acres of rangeland was infested at eight or more grasshoppers per square yard and that an additional 7,961,680 acres was infested at the threatening level of three to seven grasshoppers per square yard; and

WHEREAS, such levels of infestation evidence a high risk potential for a serious grasshopper infestation during the 1982 growing season; and

WHEREAS, such infestation would jeopardize the economic viability of agricultural counties throughout Colorado and constitutes an imminent threat of severe loss of property in this region; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to determine the extent and magnitude of such infestation; and

WHEREAS, I find that the threat of a disaster is imminent because of the aforesaid infestation of grasshoppers in the many counties of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, I find that the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the public safety and welfare of the state and create a disaster emergency situation within the meaning of section 28-2-104, C.R.S. 1973;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of section 28-2-104, C.R.S. 1973, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. A state of disaster emergency is hereby declared so that aid,


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assistance and relief may be made available, pursuant to the provisions of state law, for all counties in the State of Colorado except the following: Chaffee, Clear Creek, Denver, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, Lake, Mineral, Ouray, Pitkin, San Juan and Summit.

2. The Department of Agriculture is authorized to expend \$96,362 of Cash Funds available within the Department for this emergency.
3. The provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders, rules or regulations of any state agency shall be suspended if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.
4. The Colorado Department of Agriculture is hereby directed to immediately plan and implement a grasshopper infestation survey and eradication program in cooperation with the affected counties.
5. This state of disaster emergency shall terminate 30 days after the effective date of this order, unless extended by executive order.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this 19th day
of May, A.D., 1982.


Richard D. Lamm
Governor

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