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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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

- WHEREAS, Public Law 97-35 included provisions for a program of benefits to low-income individuals and families to provide assistance in coping with rising home heating costs; and
- WHEREAS, the provision of such assistance, referred to as the Low-Income Home 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 Colorado Revised Statutes, 1973, 26-1-109 and 111, to accept and supervise such 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, pursuant to authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws 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 Home Energy Assistance Program in accordance with applicable provisions of state and federal laws and regulations. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program shall consist of two parts: (1) a Basic Low-Income Energy Assistance Program and (2) an Emergency Home Heating Program.

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2. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program shall be administered in accordance with rules promulgated by the State Board of Social Services.
3. Rules adopted by the Board of Social Services for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program shall include provisions for referring households for participation in weatherization, energy conservation and other related assistance upon the household's request.
4. Subject to other Executive Orders concerning the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance block grant, the block grant amount for federal FY 83 received from the federal government shall be provided to the Department of Social Services to operate the program.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twenty-ninth
day of September, A.D., 1982.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Lamm".

Richard D. Lamm
Governor

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