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# State of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DENVER

RICHARD D. LAMM

Governor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### 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 1982 survey of adult grasshoppers revealed that 4,370,000 acres of rangeland were infested at eight or more grasshoppers per square yard and that an additional 5,517,500 acres were 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 1983 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:

