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Richard D. Lamm
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

REGARDING SMOKING IN STATE BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has concluded that there is medical evidence to support reasonable and sensible protection for the non-smoker against the irritation and potential harm that come from other people's smoke; and

WHEREAS, second-hand smoke has been linked to acute and chronic lung disease, as well as to carcinoma of the lung in non-smokers, and certain medical conditions may be aggravated by the presence of environmental tobacco smoke; and

WHEREAS, indoor smoke pollution in offices, worksites and public places can reach levels that exceed health standards established under environmental and occupational health regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is growing public concern regarding this issue as evidenced by local ordinances and referenda regulating smoking in workplaces and in public buildings; and

WHEREAS, the government of the State of Colorado recognizes the need to protect the health and welfare of non-smokers in buildings occupied by state executive agencies:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and pursuant to authority vested in me by 25-14-101 to -104 C.R.S. (1982), I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby order that:

1. Smoking will be prohibited in all state-owned or rented buildings and offices except as provided below.
2. Smoking will be permitted only in designated areas that may be established at the discretion of the executive directors of the various agencies. The designation of smoking areas will accommodate non-smokers' needs for a smoke-free workplace. It is recognized that client populations in the Departments of Institutions and Corrections may require special consideration in implementing this policy.

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