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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer
Governor

REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROSECUTE CRIMINAL TAXATION OFFENSES

WHEREAS, the executive branch of the State of Colorado has operated for years under the assumption that the Colorado Attorney General has statutory authority to prosecute criminal violations of the Colorado tax laws;

WHEREAS, one district court in this state has questioned the authority of the Attorney General in this regard; and

WHEREAS, the department of revenue believes that the prosecution of criminal tax offenses is handled most effectively by an office having specialized expertise and statewide jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE, under and pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 24-31-101(1)(a), C.R.S. (1982), I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby require the Attorney General of the State of Colorado to prosecute any and all suspected violations of the taxation laws of this state, as more particularly set forth in title 39, C.R.S. (1973), upon the request of the executive director of the department of revenue, and to investigate and prosecute any and all other criminal offenses committed by the individuals or entities so referred by the executive director of the department of revenue; and, for such purposes hereby invest the Attorney General with the necessary criminal prosecution authority, concurrent with the authority of the District Attorneys to investigate and prosecute such matters.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 1st day of February
1988.

Roy Romer
Governor

