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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE, REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, AND, IF WARRANTED, PROSECUTE POSSIBLE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of the Thirteenth Judicial District recently announced the conclusion of an investigation of alleged child abuse involving a day-care home (hereinafter the "facility") in Akron, Colorado, then operated by Ms. Hazel Riggs; and,

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's investigation concluded that several children were severely traumatized during the period of time they were cared for at the facility, but did not determine the cause of the trauma or the responsible parties; and,

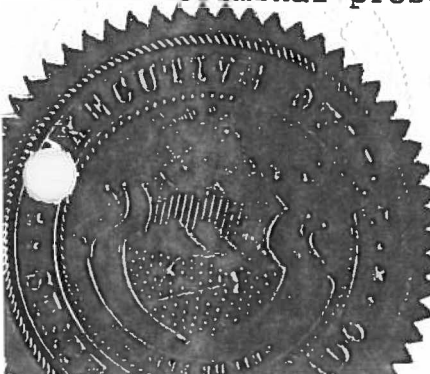
WHEREAS, there is a substantial public concern expressed by several agencies and individuals, including the Colorado Department of Social Services and family members of the children in question, that requires an independent investigation; and,

WHEREAS, I have determined that the broad public interest warrants an independent investigation and report on the facts to determine whether a prosecutable offense occurred and whether state statutes or administrative policies or procedures should be changed;

NOW THEREFORE, under and pursuant to 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 investigate fully any and all allegations of child abuse concerning the facility and to report the results of such investigation to me and, if warranted, prosecute any and all criminal offenses disclosed by such investigation and, for such purposes, hereby invest the Attorney General with the necessary criminal prosecution authority.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of Colorado this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1988, A.D.

ROY ROMER  
Governor



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