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Roy Romer  
Governor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION OF RECYCLING AND THE PURCHASE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Colorado to promote the conservation of natural resources and reduce the quantity of wastes which must be disposed of in landfills;

WHEREAS, state government should take a leadership role to safeguard our environment, preserve, protect and recycle our natural resources, and to be as frugal and efficient as possible;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes that recycling will accomplish economic and environmental goals which will strengthen the state's efficiency, lessen its energy consumption and promote a healthy economy;

WHEREAS, the use of recycled materials not only protects the environment but also promotes the development of innovative technologies, new industry and promotion of Colorado's leadership and excellence in environmentally sound high-technology;

WHEREAS, through the Office of Energy Conservation's "Recycle Colorado" pilot program, state employees have increased significantly the volume of recycled waste paper in the short period of the program;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive program in recycling is needed in order to provide a demonstrated leadership position at the state level, and provide an example to individuals, business and other levels of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me under the constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Office of Energy Conservation (OEC), through the "Recycle Colorado" program, shall be the lead agency for the promotion and development of recycling programs in state government. All departments of state government shall cooperate fully with the efforts of OEC to establish an infrastructure for recycling.

2. All monies generated by the "Recycle Colorado" program shall be returned to the program administered by the Office of Energy Conservation for the promotion, development and advancement of the project.

3. The OEC shall, through the formation of an interagency working group on state government recycling, consult with participating departments on the progress and direction of the program. Among the activities to be undertaken by Recycle Colorado, based on the availability of funds, are: education and promotion, expansion of the paper recycling program, development of new programs, development of recycled materials purchasing guidelines, and an information clearinghouse for private citizens, local units of government and businesses.

4. All departments are encouraged to educate their employees in the benefits and advantages, both economic and environmental, of recycling programs and to identify and develop rules, policies or practices which encourage waste reduction or recycling.

5. The purchasing power of state government should be used to stimulate the market place for recycled products. State bidding procedures that unnecessarily hinder or discriminate against the procurement of recycled materials will be evaluated and revised.

6. The OEC, in conjunction with the Department of Administration, shall review written procedures to ensure against unnecessary or excessive paper use or wasteful purchasing practices.

7. The OEC shall work with the Colorado Department of Health to identify products used by state government which now go to landfills and which could contaminate soil and ground-water.

8. The OEC shall review the progress of the Recycle Colorado initiatives and report their findings to the Governor on or before June 1, 1990.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 10th day of May, 1989.



Roy Romer  
Governor

