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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer Governor

CREATING THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Whereas, the prenatal and early years of a child's life are the most critical to healthy growth and development;
- Whereas, the First Impressions early childhood initiative was established to raise public awareness about the importance of investing in programs and services relating to early childhood:
- Whereas, the First Impressions early childhood initiative must have extensive public input on programs and services related to early childhood;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

- 1. The Governor's First Impressions Advisory Council is created, which will consist of no more than 30 members representing parents, public- and private-sector leaders, and professionals from various early childhood disciplines. All members shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. Members shall serve without compensation.
- 2. The Advisory Council shall have the following duties:
 - a. Provide advice to the Governor, the First Lady and the First Impressions staff about appropriate policies for Colorado, including programs and services relating to healthy growth and development in the prenatal and early years of a child's life;
 - b. Work with First Impressions and the Department of Education on Colorado's pilot program for preschool children:
 - c. Work with First Impressions, departments of state government, and private and non-profit efforts on child care for the early years of a child's life;
 - d. Serve as an advocate for community involvement in early childhood efforts;

- e. As appropriate, provide input into the development of the State of Colorado's agenda on children and families as it relates to the early years of a child's life; and
- f. Develop and maintain policies and procedures for the Advisory Council's operation.
- 3. The Advisory Council shall meet at times and places designated by the chairman. The Advisory Council shall submit periodic updates to the Governor about the results of its deliberations.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 6th day of July, 1989.

Roy Romer Governor

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