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Roy Romer
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

COLORADO QUINCENTENARY COMMISSION 1492 - 1992

- WHEREAS, Colorado has a beautiful and unique Native American, Hispanic and Italian American heritage and history which should be honored as part of the national celebration and commemoration marking the five hundredth anniversary of Christopher Columbus;
- WHEREAS, Hispanic, Italian and Native Americans have played a vital role in the development and history of the State of Colorado;
- WHEREAS, October 12, 1992 marks the five hundredth anniversary of the historical voyage of Christopher Columbus;
- WHEREAS, the joining of the Native American World to the Old was a decisive event in the history of our planet and began the modern era of human history;
- WHEREAS, the governments and people of Spain, Italy, and Native American Nations should be recognized for their historic role and contribution to the original 1492 encounter both with Native Americans and Old World Peoples; and
- WHEREAS, Native Americans and the people of the United States of America should look with pride on the achievements and contributions of their ancestors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor the State of Colorado, by the authority vested in me under the statutes and constitution of the State of Colorado, and in conjunction with the request of the 1988 General Assembly under House Joint Resolution No. 1043, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The Colorado Quincentenary Commission is hereby established.
2. The purpose of the commission shall be to promote and coordinate the celebration and commemoration of the quincentenary of the 1492 voyage of Christopher Columbus. The commission shall encourage participation in related activities throughout the state, provide communications and coordination between local, state, and federal efforts, provide assistance to local groups and suggest specific projects to those groups, and prepare the citizens, institutions, and infrastructure for the celebration and commemoration.

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3. The commission may receive and expend such funds as may be donated to it for its purpose as set forth in House Joint Resolution No. 1043.
4. The commission shall consist of the following memberships:
 - a. Three members appointed by the Governor from among the recommendations made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
 - b. Three members appointed by the Governor from among the recommendations made by the President of the Senate, in consultation with the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate;
 - c. Four members appointed by the Governor at his discretion, which members shall be broadly representative of the people of the State of Colorado;
 - d. The Governor may appoint additional members to the commission in order to achieve broad representation from throughout Colorado and to maximize input into the planning for the quincentenary;
 - e. One member, a citizen of the State of Colorado, appointed by the Governor from among the recommendations made by the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, which member's purpose will be to coordinate with the national commission in the planning of the quincentenary.
5. The members of the commission shall be appointed for the life of the commission.
6. One of the members of the commission shall be designated chairman by the Governor and shall serve in that position at the pleasure of the Governor.
7. A vacancy on the commission resulting from the death or resignation of a member shall not affect its powers and shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
8. Each member of the commission shall serve without compensation; except that a member may be reimbursed for travel, subsistence and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties if funds are available for that purpose.

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9. The commission shall have full powers and duties:
 - a. The commission may appoint a director, who may be paid at a rate to be set by the commission.
 - b. The commission is authorized to procure supplies, services, and property and may enter into and make contracts in fulfillment of its purpose.
 - c. The commission is authorized to accept, use, solicit, and dispose of donations of money, property, or personal services which shall be the sole funding for the expenses of the commission.
 - d. The commission shall prescribe the manner under which the commission may accept donations of money, property, or personal services.
 - e. The commission shall prescribe the appropriate use of any logos, symbols, or marks originated under the authority of and certified by the commission for use in connection with the state commemoration of the quincentenary.
10. The Commission shall:
 - a. Plan and develop activities appropriate to commemorate the quincentenary of the voyages of Columbus, including a limited number of projects to be undertaken by the state, seeking to harmonize and balance the important goals of ceremony and celebration with the equally important goals of scholarship and education;
 - b. Encourage private organizations and local governments to organize and participate in activities commemorating and examining the historic events associated with the voyages of Columbus;
 - c. Serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information about quincentennial events and plans in the state;
 - d. Cooperate and coordinate with the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission in preparing a comprehensive plan of commemoration in conjunction with the national plan.

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11. The commission shall seek the cooperation, advice and assistance of both private and governmental agencies and organizations, including local governments, learned societies, academic institutions, bar associations, and historical, patriotic, philanthropic, civic, and professional groups.
12. The commission shall submit an annual report and periodic reports to the Governor and each house of the General Assembly until the commission terminates. The first annual report shall include specific recommendations of the commission for the commemoration and coordination of the quincentenary and related activities.
13. The commission shall terminate on January 1, 1993.
14. The Executive Order supercedes and replaces Executive Order B 041 89.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this 12th day of October, 1989.



Roy Komer
Governor



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