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EXECUTIVE ORDER

REGARDING SMOKING IN STATE BUILDINGS

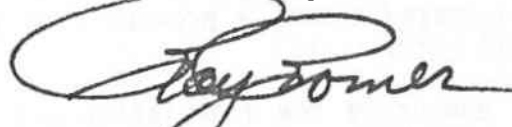
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State of Colorado to promote a safe and healthy environment for all employees and for the public;
- WHEREAS, involuntary smoking, also known as passive smoking, has been associated with lung and cervical cancer in non-smoking adults;
- WHEREAS, involuntary smoking increases the risk of illness among persons who suffer from allergies, cardiovascular disease, and pulmonary disease;
- WHEREAS, environmental tobacco smoke results in increased workload on ventilator systems, increased fire insurance and increased maintenance costs;
- WHEREAS, simple separation of smokers and non-smokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke;
- WHEREAS, the technology for the cost effective filtration of tobacco smoke from the air is currently not available;
- WHEREAS, studies indicate that the cost of health care for smokers is appreciably higher than the costs for non-smokers;
- WHEREAS, the elimination of worksite smoking has been related to increased employee productivity and morale, reduced absenteeism and legal risk;
- WHEREAS, I encourage the legislative and judicial branches of government to prohibit smoking in state buildings under the jurisdiction of those branches of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado under and pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

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1. Smoking and the sale of tobacco products are prohibited in all buildings owned or leased by the state under control of the executive branch except as provided below.
2. Within any agency, only the residential portions of facilities operated by these agencies are exempt from the Executive Order. Those departments shall develop a policy specific to such facilities that is in keeping with the intent of this Executive Order. These policies shall be submitted to the Executive Director of the Department of Personnel by March 1, 1991.
3. Agency directors responsible for motor pool and special use vehicles are encouraged to develop a policy for those vehicles consistent with the intent of this Executive Order.
4. Signs shall be posted at building entrances and other obvious public areas stating smoking is prohibited.
5. Willful violation of this Executive Order may subject an employee to corrective and/or disciplinary action.
6. Executive Directors and Presidents of institutions of higher education are responsible for the enforcement of this Executive Order and are encouraged to facilitate smoking cessation efforts for interested employees.
7. If the Executive Director of any department or President of any institution of higher education finds that extraordinary circumstances may require an exception to this order, that person shall communicate these circumstances to the Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office, who must approve each such exception.
8. This Executive Order is effective January 1, 1991.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this 11th day of December, 1990.



Roy Romer
Governor



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