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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer
Governor

REORGANIZING THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, protection of public health and environmental quality is and should be among the highest priorities of state government;

WHEREAS, the executive agency which administers the state's public health and environmental protection programs should be organized, managed and administered so as to provide for maximum effectiveness, efficiency and accountability;

WHEREAS, adequate focus ought to be placed on administration of public health programs within the Colorado Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, a need exists to integrate and coordinate the administration of environmental programs among the several executive agencies of state government which administer said programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, do hereby order that:

1. There are hereby created within the Department of Health, the Office of Health and the Office of Environment.

2. The Office of Health shall consist of those divisions within the Department of Health relating primarily to health care, disease control and prevention, and maintenance of good health. The Office of Health shall include, at a minimum, the Divisions of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology, Prevention Programs, and Family and Community Health Services. The office may also include other divisions.

3. The mission of the Office of Health shall be to administer programs, pursuant to and consistent with state and federal statutes, regulations and guidelines, that prevent premature death and disability, facilitate the delivery of public health services, and

encourage citizens in lifestyles and behaviors that maintain good health. The office shall coordinate programs and activities across divisions within the office and shall work collaboratively with federal, state and local agencies to achieve improved health status for Coloradans.

4. The Office of Environment shall consist of those divisions within the Department of Health relating primarily to protection of environmental quality and protection of human health from environmental risks and hazards. The Office of Environment shall include, at a minimum, the Divisions of Air Pollution Control, Water Quality Control, Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Management, and Radiation Control. The office may also include other divisions.

5. The mission of the Office of the Environment shall be to administer programs, pursuant to and consistent with state and federal statutes, regulations and guidelines; that protect and enhance environmental quality in Colorado, prevent unreasonable risks to public health from environmental pollutants; promote pollution prevention and waste minimization, promote compliance with and assure enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, seek integration of environmental regulatory programs across environmental media; and, perform other activities necessary to protect and enhance the environment of Colorado. The office shall manage and coordinate programs and activities across divisions within the office and shall work collaboratively with federal, state and local agencies to protect and enhance Colorado's environment.

6. Nothing in this executive order is intended to or shall alter or abridge the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Health as set forth in the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended from time to time.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado this 31 of
October, 1991.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer
Governor