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EXECUTIVE ORDER

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER THE REFUGEE SERVICES PLAN FOR COLORADO

- WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has signed Public Law 96-212, known as the Refugee Act of 1980, which authorizes the provision of assistance and services to refugees in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, in order for the State to receive refugee resettlement assistance from the allotment of funds under Section 414 of the Act, a State Plan or plan amendments must be reviewed by myself or my designee prior to submittal to the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- WHEREAS, the provision of such assistance and services, known as the Colorado Refugee Services Program, is intended for the effective resettlement of refugees and to assist them to achieve economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Human Services is authorized under C.R.S. 1973, 26-1-109 and 111, to supervise such public assistance and service programs and is experienced in the necessary administrative practices; and
- WHEREAS, it is the objective of this administration to provide high quality assistance and service equitably to the various groups of eligible refugees through the utilization and coordination of all available resources, while avoiding duplication of services; and
- WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Colorado's eligible refugee population that available services for refugees under the Act be provided expeditiously and efficiently; and
- WHEREAS, the Executive Order D003380 which originally designated the Department of Social Services as the single state administering agency is obsolete due to Colorado governmental reorganization;

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to my authority under the statutes and constitution of Colorado, do hereby ORDER THAT:

> 1. The Colorado Department of Human Services is designated as the sole responsible agency for the development, review, and administration of Colorado's Refugee Services Plan in accordance with applicable provision of State and Federal laws and regulations.

2. The Colorado Department of Human Services is the responsible State agency for the coordination of all refugee services.

3. The Colorado Refugee Services Program shall be administered in accordance with the State Plan developed and reviewed by the Colorado Department of Human Services and approved by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Refugee Resettlement.

> GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this 29th day of Movember A.D., 1994.

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Roy Romer Governor