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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR THE COLORADO STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Roy Romer  
Governor

WHEREAS, by memorandum dated August 8, 1996, the Office of the Attorney General informed the Department of Transportation that it would be unable to provide legal representation to Benjamin Vialpando in the criminal court in Denver County; and

WHEREAS, Guillermo V. Vidal, Executive Director of the Department of Transportation by memorandum of August 26, 1996, requested that I authorize the appointment of outside counsel to represent the above-mentioned individuals; and

WHEREAS, as referenced in the memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General of August 8, 1996, and the memorandum of August 26, 1996, of Guillermo V. Vidal, Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 24-31-101(1)(e) provides in pertinent part as follows:

Whenever the Attorney General is unable or has failed or refused to provide legal services to an agency of state government, as determined by the governor if the agency is the executive branch or by the chief justice if the agency is in the judicial branch, such agency may employ counsel of its own choosing to provide such legal service; and

WHEREAS, I find that the requirements of C.R.S., Section 24-31-101(1)(e) have been met in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority versted in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of Colorado, including C.R.S. Section 24-31-101(1)(e) authorize the Department of Transportation to proceed with the appointment of counsel to provide representation of Benjamin Vialpando in proceedings related to this matter as may be determined by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this twenty-third day of September, 1996.

Roy Romer  
Governor