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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer  
Governor

### DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO EXTREME BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

- WHEREAS, a severe winter storm moved through south central Colorado during the week of December 1, 1997, causing blizzard conditions; and
- WHEREAS, as a result, some local government jurisdictions have requested assistance in the emergency feeding of livestock; and
- WHEREAS, the high levels of snowfall have caused an emergency situation regarding those feeding requirements such that there is an imminent threat of widespread loss of property; and
- WHEREAS, the involved local jurisdictions do not have adequate resources nor delivery aircraft required to accomplish that emergency feeding; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Army National Guard has available appropriate staff and aircraft that are capable of accomplishing these requirements cited above; and
- WHEREAS, this justification and the recitals above were verified to me by the Department of Local Affairs; and
- WHEREAS, on December 4, 1997, I verbally declared a state of disaster emergency as a result of the blizzard; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly is not in session; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to section 24-32-2106, C.R.S., the Governor may make funds available from the state Disaster Emergency Fund and may transfer and expend moneys appropriated for other purposes to meet the needs of the disaster emergency, if the funds regularly appropriated to state and local agencies are sufficient; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor's Disaster Emergency Council concurs with the findings and actions set forth in the Executive Order; and

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WHEREAS, the conditions under which funds can be made available and used to meet the needs of a disaster emergency have been satisfied as a result of the occurrence and imminent threat of emergency described herein:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado, including Sections 24-32-2104 and 28-3-104, C.R.S., do hereby confirm my verbal order issued on December 4, 1997 that a state of emergency existed in south central Colorado due to the reasons set forth above, and I DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The Adjutant General or such other officers of the National Guard, as may be appropriate, are authorized and approved to order to State Active Duty no more than 14 members of the Colorado National Guard for the purposes of response to and mitigation of this emergency, as well as other directly related, required and appropriate missions.
2. The use of five Colorado National Guard helicopters is authorized on state mission orders for the purposes of response to and mitigation of this emergency is authorized, as well as other directly related, required and appropriate missions.
3. The Adjutant General or other such National Guard officers as may be appropriate shall determine the number of such members and helicopters to be used, in consultation with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.
4. The costs of any feed shall not be provided from any funds of the State of Colorado.
5. This executive order shall expire on December 7, 1997 unless otherwise extended.



GIVEN under my hand and  
the Executive Seal of the  
State of Colorado, this 8<sup>th</sup>  
Day of December, 1997

*Roy Romer*  
Roy Romer  
Governor