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EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF THE WOMEN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is committed to increasing the opportunities for all individuals to contribute to the wealth of the society and the economy of the state;

WHEREAS, women are a majority of the state's population;

WHEREAS, women and women-owned businesses should have a greater and more meaningful role in the state's economic development programs and in public and private economic development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, increasing economic opportunities for women will improve the state's economy.

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

1. The Women's Economic Development Council ("Council") is reincorporated under the Office of the Governor to be part of the statewide economic development initiatives administered within the Office of Business Development.

2. The Council shall:

   a. promote economic development for existing and new women-owned enterprises in coordination with state economic development activities, especially the activities of small business;

   b. promote networks between new and existing women-owned and non-women-owned businesses in an effort to promote joint activities;

   c. promote women-owned business participation in state procurement, purchasing, and contracting in conjunction with both the public and private sector entities;

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d. create educational opportunities for women seeking entry and re-entry into the marketplace, as well as in small business;

e. advocate methods for state government to anticipate and respond to the economic interests and needs of women's business;

f. function as a central source of information, referral, program development, research and inter-organizational collaboration on women's economic issues and actively provide such information to the public;

g. provide direct services in conjunction with the Small Business Office and the Minority Business Office, including business and financial seminars, counseling, referrals, and dissemination of information on trends, to help women make more informed economic decisions and to help create opportunities for women's business;

3. Each member of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor and consist of no more than 35 members. Members shall serve for two year terms, except that the terms of the initial members of the Council shall expire January 31, 1993. The chair of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor.

4. The Council shall terminate on January 31, 1994, unless, after review, its existence is extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.

5. This Executive Order shall repeal and supersede Executive Order B-020-88 and all other Executive Orders related thereto.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this nineteenth day of August, 1992.

Roy Romer
Governor

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