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Roy Romer
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

CONTINUING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON LIFE AND THE LAW

WHEREAS, major breakthroughs in medical and scientific knowledge present ethical, legal, and policy dilemmas for the people of Colorado;

WHEREAS, the formation of a Governor's Commission on Life and the Law, composed of concerned Coloradans and informed by others with backgrounds in medicine, religion, law, and public policy, would contribute substantially to the development of sound public policy on these difficult issues;

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

1. The Governor's Commission on Life and the Law is hereby continued. There shall be no more than 30 members appointed by the Governor and shall serve at his pleasure. Members shall include, but not be limited to, those with backgrounds in medicine, religion, ethics, law, and public policy. Members shall serve without compensation.
2. The commission shall have the following duties:
 - a. Develop and maintain policy and procedures for the commission's operation.
 - b. Conduct ethical, scientific, and legal studies of bioethical issues that may come before the commission, and make recommendations regarding policy and legislation on these issues.

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- c. Make recommendations on policy and legislation regarding appropriate roles of patients, family members, health care professionals and courts in making decisions on bioethical issues.
3. The commission shall submit semi-annual reports to the Governor in June and December of each year.
4. The commission may work in committees as necessary to address specific matters. The commission or its subcommittees shall meet at least once each quarter.
5. The commission shall be staffed by representatives of the Center for Health Ethics and Policy of the University of Colorado at Denver.
6. The commission shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2000, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.
7. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order B 015 95.



GIVEN under my hand
and the Executive Seal of
the State of Colorado
this seventh day of
December, 1998.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer
Governor