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### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

#### **PROCLAMATION CALL FOR FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SIXTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular vested in the Governor pursuant to Article IV, Section 9 of the Colorado Constitution, and as provided for in Article V, Section 7, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order convening the Sixty-Third General Assembly to meet in special session.

#### 1. Background and Need

Colorado's economic activity and population continue to grow rapidly. According to the 2000 United States Census report, Colorado's population has increased by thirty percent to a record 4.3 million people over the past ten years. This increase in population has occurred primarily on the Front Range of Colorado and the impacts are readily apparent to native and newcomer alike. Colorado citizens have consistently stated that the rapid population growth threatens our state's unique quality of life. Colorado's voters and its legislature have struggled with the question of how to manage the benefits associated with the population increase and how to reduce the harmful impacts of the development that have resulted. If the State of Colorado fails to wisely manage its unprecedented growth, we risk losing a lifestyle found in no other place in the country.

Unfortunately, despite attempts in three successive legislative sessions and a citizen's initiative to address this difficult issue, Colorado still does not have a solution. Because there has been no resolution concerning how to address this most pressing issue for Colorado, in my opinion an extraordinary occasion has arisen that necessitates that I convene a special session of the legislature to answer the needs of the people of Colorado.

#### 2. Proclamation

I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, convene the Sixty-Third General Assembly of this state and summon the members of the Sixty-Third General Assembly to meet in Special Session at the State Capitol, in the City and County of Denver, on May 10, 2001, at 12:00 p.m. and designate the following subjects for your consideration and appropriate legislative action:

- A. Concerning the creation of mandatory and binding comprehensive planning documents containing planning elements to protect open space, ensure coordination of infrastructure and capital facilities, promote the goal of orderly development and protect traditional rural lifestyles that ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all private property owners affected by the plans in jurisdictions with significant urban populations or that are experiencing a rapid rate of population growth as measured by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.
- B. Concerning an appropriation for the Office of Smart Growth located in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.
- C. Concerning the creation of an alternative dispute resolution system between and among cities and counties regarding conflicts between the mandatory comprehensive plans or disputes arising out of the mandatory comprehensive planning process.
- D. Concerning allowing property owners adjacent to a proposed annexation in which the contiguity requirements in C.R.S. 31-12-104 (1)(a) are achieved by annexing a platted street or alley, a public or private right of way, a public or private transportation right of way or area, or a lake, reservoir, stream or other natural or artificial waterway, the opportunity to be included in the proposed annexation.
- E. Concerning the authorization of a regional planning agreement within the jurisdiction of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Denver metropolitan area that upholds local decision-making authority.

GIVEN under my hand and  
the Executive Seal of the  
State of Colorado this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of May, 2001.

Bill Owens  
Governor