

**D 016 02**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
AMENDMENT**

**Concerning the Statewide Ban on Open Burning and Fireworks  
and Amending Executive Order D 015 02**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution and Sections 23-30-308, 24-20-108, and 24-32-2100 *et seq.* of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado hereby issue this amendment to Executive Order D 015 02.

1. Mission and Scope Amendment.

Section two of Executive Order D 015 02 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

2. Mission and Scope.

I hereby order the following:

A. A statewide ban on open burning.

- i) For purposes of this order, “open burning” is defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, and the use of any fireworks.
- ii) For purposes of this order, “open burning” does not include:
  - a) liquid fueled or gas fueled fires;
  - b) charcoal grill fires at private residences and retail food establishments as defined in C.R.S. § 25-4-1602(14);
  - c) fireplaces within buildings;
  - d) fireworks displays authorized under C.R.S. § 12-28-103;
  - e) prescribed burning of ditches for irrigated pastures and croplands if performed consistent with generally accepted agricultural practices.
- iii) Extraordinary circumstances may exist whereby an open burning activity does not create a wildfire risk. Sheriffs may grant written

exemptions or waivers to this order upon a finding that there is a compelling need for the open burning activity to continue and that the open burning activity does not create the risk of igniting a wildfire.

- B. A statewide ban on the sale and use of fireworks.

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, 2002.

Bill Owens  
Governor