

# STATE OF COLORADO

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Bill Owens  
Governor

## D 016 06

### EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDMENT

#### Concerning Commercial Fireworks Displays on State Lands and Amending Executive Order D 013 06

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 Colorado Revised Statute § 23-30-308, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order D 013 06 by finding that commercial fireworks displays may be permitted on state lands upon written approval.

1. Background & Need.

On June 21, 2006, I issued Executive Order D 013 06 directing state agencies to prohibit open burning on all state lands. This order included the prohibition of fireworks on state lands.

The fire danger in Colorado continues to be extremely high and I have determined that fireworks pose an unnecessary risk to our state lands. I have also encouraged Colorado citizens to attend commercial fireworks displays as an alternative to setting off their own fireworks. Commercial fireworks are performed by professionals with the cooperation of fire officials to ensure that the risk of igniting a fire is minimal. For this reason, I am permitting commercial fireworks displays on state lands as long as certain conditions are met.

2. Mission and Scope.

- A. For purposes of this Executive Order, “open burning” does not include commercial fireworks displays on state lands if the Executive Director overseeing the state land provides written approval prior to the display.

- B. Before granting requests for commercial fireworks displays on state lands, the Executive Director must determine that appropriate measures have been taken to minimize the risk of the display causing a fire. This determination may include assurances from the local fire department that the display does not pose a significant fire risk and that the local fire department will be present at the fireworks display.
- C. The Executive Director of the agency overseeing the state land must provide written approval for the fireworks display to be held on any part of state land. For purposes of this Executive Order, the President of any higher education institution shall be considered its authorizing Executive Director.

3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or terminated by further executive order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of Colorado  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Owens." The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Bill Owens  
Governor