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Bill Ritter, Jr. Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Appointment as United States Senator

President-elect Barak Obama has nominated Senator Ken Salazar as the United States Secretary of the Interior. Upon his confirmation as Secretary of the Interior by the United States Senate, Senator Salazar will resign as a United States Senator, creating a vacancy in one of the United States Senate seats representing the State of Colorado.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, Article XVII, section (2) of the United States Constitution and section 1-12-201(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I. Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order appointing Michael F. Bennet a United States Senator representing the State of Colorado.

ORDERED:

That, pursuant to Article XVII, section (2) of the United States Constitution and section 1-12-201(1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, Michael F. Bennet of Denver, Colorado, be and is hereby appointed United States Senator to represent the State of Colorado. This appointment shall be effective upon the resignation of Senator Salazar and continue until a successor is elected and takes office following the next general election.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this sixteenth day of January, 2009.

Bill Ritter, Jr. Governor