

# STATE OF COLORADO

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### Extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency Due to Historic Flooding of September 2013

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of C.R.S. § 28-3-104 and relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency and incorporating by reference all sections therein unless specifically altered below due to the historic flooding of September 2013.

#### I. Background and Purpose

The Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters. C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704. The Colorado Disaster Emergency Act defines a disaster as “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to . . . flood.” C.R.S. §24-33.5-703(3).

As a result of the historic flooding last September, nine people were killed, 218 people were injured and over 18,000 people were forced to leave their homes. Additionally, one individual was killed assisting in the recovery effort. The flooding was widespread and impacted twenty-four counties. Damage to property has been extensive: 1852 homes have been destroyed and as of January 29, 2014, 28,364 households have registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”). Over 200 households remain displaced, and FEMA continues to deploy its direct housing mission to those most severely impacted. Forty-four households remain in FEMA’s manufactured housing. The system to waive state regulatory statutes, or the orders, rules and regulations of any state agency provided in Executive Order D 2013-027(II)(I) is still required.

The State of Colorado, in strong collaboration with local municipalities, the National Guard, the federal government, and non-governmental organizations, continue to make considerable progress in rebuilding Colorado's infrastructure. Although all state highways are now open, flooding of this magnitude caused damage to infrastructure on multiple levels. Over 200 households remain displaced due to damage to private roads and bridges. Federal and state authorities continue to develop plans to address this critical issue. Work remains to be done in repairing water treatment facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, and miles of water lines. It is critical the recovery efforts continue at full speed during the winter months. This Executive Order extends the declaration of Disaster Emergency and supports the critical and ongoing flood recovery efforts.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. The Front Range flooding and recovery continues to constitute a Disaster Emergency under C.R.S. §§ 24-33.5-701, 705. The declarations and directives found in Executive Orders D 2013-026, D 2013-027, D 2013-028, D 2013-030, D 2013-031, D 2013-033, D 2014-001, and D 2014-002 are hereby extended an additional 30 days from March 7, 2014.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from March 7, 2014, unless extended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in paragraph II(B) of Executive Orders D 2013-028, D 2013-031, and D 2013-033 shall remain available for the described purposes for thirty-six months from December 9, 2013.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado this seventh day of  
March, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor