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EXECUTIVE ORDER

DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY
DUE TO EXTREME BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm moved through south central Colorado during the week of December 1, 1997, causing blizzard conditions; and

WHEREAS, as a result, some local government jurisdictions have requested assistance in the emergency feeding of livestock; and

WHEREAS, the high levels of snowfall have caused an emergent situation regarding those feeding requirements such that there is an imminent threat of widespread loss of property; and

WHEREAS, the involved local jurisdictions do not have adequate resources nor delivery aircraft required to accomplish that emergency feeding; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Army National Guard has available appropriate staff and aircraft that are capable of accomplishing these requirements cited above; and

WHEREAS, this justification and the recitals above were verified to me by the Department of Local Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 1997, I verbally declared a state of disaster emergency as a result of the blizzard; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 24-32-2106, C.R.S., the Governor may make funds available from the state Disaster Emergency Fund and may transfer and expend moneys appropriated for other purposes to meet the needs of the disaster emergency, if the funds regularly appropriated to state and local agencies are sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Disaster Emergency Council concurs with the findings and actions set forth in the Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the conditions under which funds can be made available and used to meet the needs of a disaster emergency have been satisfied as a result of the occurrence and imminent threat of emergency described herein:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado, including Sections 24-32-2104 and 28-3-104, C.R.S., do hereby confirm my verbal order issued on December 4, 1997 that a state of emergency existed in south central Colorado due to the reasons set forth above, and I DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The Adjutant General or such other officers of the National Guard, as may be appropriate, are authorized and approved to order to State Active Duty no more than

14 members of the Colorado National Guard for the purposes of response to and mitigation of this emergency, as well as other directly related, required and appropriate missions.

2. The use of five Colorado National Guard helicopters is authorized on state mission orders for the purposes of response to and mitigation of this emergency is authorized, as well as other directly related, required and appropriate missions.
3. The Adjutant General or other such National Guard officers as may be appropriate shall determine the number of such members and helicopters to be used, in consultation with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.
4. The costs of any feed shall not be provided from any funds of the State of Colorado.
5. This executive order shall expire on December 7, 1997 unless otherwise extended.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado
this 8th day of December, 1997.

Roy Romer
Governor