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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Further Extending Funding for Temporary Housing Related to the March 2007 Tornado in Holly

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992, C.R.S. § 24-32-2100 *et seq.*, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order further extending disaster emergency funding provided for in Executive Order D 009 07, D 014 07, D 018 07, and D 031 07 for temporary housing in Holly, Colorado in response to the March 2007 tornado.

I. Background and Need

On March 28, 2007, a deadly tornado carved through the town of Holly, Colorado in Prowers County. The tornado affected 164 homes, more than one-third of the total number of homes in the town. Of those homes affected by the tornado, forty-eight were destroyed or severely damaged such that they were uninhabitable. In addition, there was significant damage to private business and publicly owned facilities and infrastructure. This destruction was concentrated in Holly, a town with a population of fewer than 1,000 people. Because this tornado posed an imminent danger to human life and property and, therefore, constituted a disaster for the purposes of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992 (hereinafter the "Act"), I declared a disaster emergency verbally on April 2, 2007.

On April 3, 2007, this disaster declaration was memorialized in Executive Order D 009 07. In that Executive Order, I ordered \$1 million transferred from the Subsequent Injury Fund to the Disaster Emergency Fund, and I order that those funds be encumbered, in part, for the purpose of providing temporary housing to those who were displaced by the disaster. On April 28, 2007, I issued Executive Order D 014 07, extending the disaster funding for one year in order to further assist the recovery and rebuilding in Holly. On June 29, 2007, I issued Executive Order D 018 07, authorizing workers assisting with the recovery and rebuilding in Holly to use state-controlled temporary housing units. On December 20, 2007, I issued Executive Order D 031 07, extending the availability of funding for temporary housing.

Since the tornado struck, the citizens of the town of Holly have been rebuilding in earnest. However, the leases for temporary housing are set to expire at the end of this month, and many

residents have not completed the rebuilding their homes. The temporary housing-related funding provided for in Executive Order D 031 07 is set to expire on June 30, 2008; however, there are several Holly resident that need an additional lease period in order to complete rebuilding or successfully relocate. Therefore, it is necessary that funding be extended to support temporary housing for an additional lease period of six months. The purpose of this Executive Order is to ensure that temporary housing funding remains available for that additional period.

II. Declarations

- A. I hereby reaffirm and extend my earlier declarations, as set forth in Executive Orders D 009 07, D 014 07, D 018 07, and D 031 07 that the March 28, 2007 tornado constituted a disaster for purposes of C.R.S. § 24-32-2103.
- B. The funds previously encumbered for the purpose of providing temporary housing to those who have been displaced by the disaster shall continue to be encumbered for this purpose until December 31, 2008. The Director of the Colorado Division of Emergency Management continues to be authorized and directed to allocate the funding to the appropriate state and local agencies and such other public and private organizations as may be appropriate and permitted by law for this purpose.
- C. I hereby order that each of my directives set forth in Executive Orders D 009 07, D 014 07, D 018 07, and D 031 07 continue, except to the extent those directives were amended or extended by a subsequent Executive Order, including this Executive Order.

Duration

This Executive Order shall at the time provided in Executive Orders D 009 07, D 014 07, D 018 07, and D 031 07, except that the funds described in paragraph 2(B) above shall remain available for the described purposes until December 31, 2008, unless modified or extended by a subsequent Executive Order.



Given under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado this 26th
day of June, 2008.

Bill Ritter, Jr.

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Governor