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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Ludlow Centennial Commemoration Commission

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Ludlow Centennial Commemoration Commission.

I. Background, Need and Purpose

In September of 1913, the Great Coalfield War began when striking miners were evicted by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company (CF&I) from their company-owned homes and moved into tents along the Colorado plains. At the height of this conflict, on the morning of April 20, 1914, a skirmish broke out between striking miners and the Colorado National Guard. This event, labeled the Ludlow Massacre, ended with the death of over 20 people, which included a National Guard soldier, miners and their wives and children. The death of children at the Ludlow Tent Colony thrust the Coalfield War into the media spotlight, with national scrutiny focused on the Rockefellers, who were majority shareholders in CF&I. In the aftermath of this tragedy, the Rockefellers and CF&I developed an employee representation plan that transformed industrial worker-company relations.

For over 18 months, a diverse group – including historians, scholars, union members, Colorado National Guardsmen, archeologists, tourism representatives, among others – have gathered along the Front Range to plan activities, exhibitions, curriculum, lectures, and events to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of these tragic events.

II. Mission and Scope

The mission of the Commission shall be to engage in efforts to raise awareness of the tragedy at Ludlow and the events surrounding it; to explore the themes that underscore the Ludlow Massacre and the Colorado Coalfield War, including: economy, immigration, labor, energy, culture, geography, geology, and violence. In addition, the Commission shall examine how this localized history impacted national and international labor relations and energy production, and

continues to have modern-day relevance; and to make available the historical and archaeological resources from the events of 1913-1914. Also, to expand community outreach so that the stories of the individuals involved in these incidents can be heard and finally to reconcile the past and reflect on its relationship to the State of Colorado and the United States today.

III. **Membership**

The Commission shall be comprised of the following members:

Thomas George Andrews, Ph.D. of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the University of Colorado, appointed;

Robert D. Butero of Trinidad, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the United Mine Workers of America, appointed;

William J. Convery III, Ph.D. of Englewood, Colorado, to serve as a representative of History Colorado, appointed;

Dawn Marie DiPrince, of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a representative of El Pueblo History Museum, History Colorado, appointed;

Karin Tonya Larkin, Ph.D. of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, appointed;

Victoria Ann Miller of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Bessemer Historical Society, appointed;

Fawn-Amber Montoya, Ph.D. of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a representative of Colorado State University-Pueblo, appointed;

Adam Aaron Morgan of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Colorado National Guard, appointed;

Jonathan Hugo Rees, Ph.D. of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a representative of Colorado State University-Pueblo, appointed;

Dean J. Saitta, Ph.D. of Denver, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the University of Denver, appointed;

Maria Sanchez-Tucker, of Pueblo, Colorado, to serve as a representative of the Pueblo City- County Library District, appointed;

Josephine A. Jones of Centennial, Colorado, to serve as a representative of Colorado Humanities, appointed.

IV. **Duration**

This Executive Order shall continue in existence until December 30, 2014, unless it is either terminated or extended beyond that date by further Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this nineteenth day
of April, 2013.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor