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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Ordering to State Active Duty Certain Elements of the Colorado National Guard

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular as commander in chief of state military forces pursuant to Article IV §5 of the Colorado Constitution, pursuant to § 28-3-104, C.R.S., and pursuant to relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, § 24-32-2100 *et seq.*, C.R.S., I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order declaring a state of disaster emergency and ordering to state active duty certain elements of the Colorado National Guard.

1. Background and Need.

On September 11, 2001 Colorado and the United States of America experienced the most horrific loss of life and property due to terrorist acts in the history of this union. Citizens of the United States have acted to help at an unprecedented level of commitment to other Americans and to the country. In response to the potential for additional terrorist activity across the country, President Bush has taken significant steps to heighten homeland security. Today I received a request from President Bush to activate certain elements of the Colorado National Guard for the purpose of increasing commercial airport security in the State of Colorado. I am grateful to the men and women of the Colorado National Guard for their willingness to serve the State and the country and now turn to them in Colorado's time of need.

Accordingly, I hereby declare that a state of disaster emergency has existed since September 11, 2001 due to the terrorist attacks on the United States. I find that an imminent threat continues to exist with regard to homeland security and specifically in connection with commercial airline security. I hereby order certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to active duty to assist in commercial airport security efforts.

2. Mission and Scope.

This Executive Order orders the following:

- A. The State activation of elements of the Colorado National Guard as may be determined from time to time by the Adjutant General of the Colorado

Department of Military Affairs in consultation with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management;

- B. The expenditure of funds from the State Disaster Emergency Fund as required to meet emergency needs;
 - C. The authorization of all state departments and agencies to take whatever actions are required and requested by the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, or the Colorado Department of Military Affairs within the Colorado State Emergency Operations Plan, to meet the emergency needs;
 - D. All funds currently held in the State Disaster Emergency Fund shall remain within that fund beyond the termination of the state fiscal year on June 30, 2002, and shall remain within that fund until expended or until further Executive Order;
 - E. The Director of the Colorado Office of Emergency Management in coordination with the Adjutant General is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate application to the federal government and elsewhere as appropriate for funding related to federal reimbursement for the expenses of the State of Colorado in connection with this activation.
3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall expire 6 months from the date of its execution unless extended by Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado this 27th
day of September, 2001.

Bill Owens
Governor