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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

### **PROCLAMATION CONCERNING THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order naming the executive mansion.

#### **1. Background and Need**

In 1924, Claude K. Boettcher purchased what is now the executive mansion and resided there with his family. The Boettchers acquired remarkable furnishings and artwork from all parts of the world, many of which remain part of the mansion collection. The Boettchers remodeled and expanded the mansion, including enclosing the former porch to create the Palm Room with its floor-to-ceiling windows bearing the Boettcher family initials. The remodeled desk, created by the most celebrated of Louis XIV furniture makers and designers, is said to be one of only two in existence.

When the Boettchers passed away, they left the mansion to a private family foundation to be given to the State of Colorado for use as a governors' residence. Colorado's governors have occupied the residence since 1959.

The State of Colorado is grateful for the generous gift from the Boettcher Foundation, and for the Foundation's continued support in maintaining the residence as a historic Colorado landmark. The mansion and its effects are a testament to the Boettcher family's substantial involvement in establishing the mansion as the Governor's residence, and the name given to the mansion should also reflect this family's benevolent contribution to our State.

2. Declaration

Accordingly, I hereby issue this executive order declaring that the executive mansion at 400 East 8th Avenue in Denver shall hereafter be named the “Governor’s Residence at the Boettcher Mansion.”

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State  
of Colorado, this twenty-second  
day of January, 2003.

Bill Owens  
Governor