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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Directing State Departments Responsible for Public Safety to Adopt a Single Regional Planning Map for Emergency Management and Response

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 directing state departments to recognize and adopt a single regional planning and operations map for purposes of emergency management and response.

1. Background and Purpose.

State and local governments must continue to improve their ability to respond to public safety threats. To that end, it is imperative that different levels of government are able to cooperate with one another in emergency management and response efforts.

In Colorado, various state agencies are responsible for different aspects of public health and safety. These agencies have created and adopted numerous maps dividing the state into different regions for public health and safety purposes. Undoubtedly, local governments have experienced a similar development. This results in incompatible maps that could cause confusion among state and local agencies and require public health and safety managers to participate in redundant planning efforts. In order to ensure efficient emergency management, this Executive Order creates a single regional planning and operations map. This will enable state and local agencies to work together to provide integrated and cooperative emergency services to the citizens of Colorado.

The Colorado General Assembly recommended that such a map be adopted through House Resolution 03-1018 and the following organizations have already agreed to adopt the single regional planning and operations map: Colorado Counties Incorporated, the Colorado Municipal League, the Colorado State Fire Chief's Association, the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, the County Sheriff's of Colorado, the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado, and the Colorado Emergency Management Association. Through this Executive Order, I set forth the single regional planning and operations map and direct all state departments to recognize and adopt this map. To ensure a congruent system, I urge local agencies to adopt this map for emergency management and response purposes.

2. Mission.

I hereby order all state departments that are responsible for public health and safety to recognize and adopt the single regional planning and operations map for purposes of emergency management and response. The map shall be divided into the following nine regions:

- 1) **Northwest:** Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit Counties.
- 2) **Northeast:** Cheyenne, Larimer, Lincoln, Logan, Kit Carson, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld and Yuma Counties.
- 3) **Northcentral:** Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin and Jefferson Counties.
- 4) **Southcentral:** Chaffee, El Paso, Lake, Park and Teller Counties.
- 5) **West:** Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties.
- 6) **Southwest:** Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties.
- 7) **San Luis:** Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache Counties.
- 8) **South:** Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas and Pueblo Counties.
- 9) **Southeast:** Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers Counties.

3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or terminated by further executive order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this ____ day
of July, 2003.

Bill Owens
Governor