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EXECUTIVE ORDER

GOVERNOR'S MEDAL OF VALOR

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 creating the Governor's Medal of Valor.

1. Background & Need

Individuals who place themselves in harm's way to protect and preserve the lives of others deserve recognition. In order to recognize such individuals, I hereby create, by this Executive Order, the Governor's Medal of Valor.

2. Advisory Committee

- A. The following individuals shall comprise the Governor's Medal of Valor Advisory Committee: the Chief of Staff to the Governor or his designee, the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor and the Chief Counsel to the Governor.
- B. The Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Governor that he bestow the Governor's Medal of Valor on individuals who demonstrate heroism under some or all of the following circumstances:
 - (i) The individual acted to rescue or defend another's life or property, and placed his or her own life in danger.
 - (ii) The risk taken by the individual was justified by the objective.
 - (iii) The individual's actions demonstrated bravery, courage, self-sacrifice and a primary concern for the welfare of others.

3. Public Record

The Governor shall bestow the Governor's Medal of Valor by Proclamation. All such Proclamations shall be archived in the Colorado State Archives for the appreciation of all Coloradans now and in the future.

4. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until further modification or rescission by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this nineteenth
day of December, 2000.

Bill Owens
Governor