D 012 05

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Concerning the Statewide Disaster Emergency Due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and Extending and Amending Executive Orders D 008 05, D 009 05 D 010 05 and D 011 05

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution, and Sections 24-32-2100 *et seq.*, and 23-30-308 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order declaring that the state of disaster emergency caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita continues to exist.

1. <u>Background & Need.</u>

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused an emergency of national scope. I issued the following Executive Orders to respond to this disaster emergency. On September 1, 2005, I issued Executive Order D 008 05 calling certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to active duty to assist with the emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Katrina. On September 3, 2005, I issued Executive Order D 009 05 declaring a disaster emergency due to the occurrence of Hurricane Katrina and suspending certain provisions of state regulatory statutes to respond to the disaster emergency created by Hurricane Katrina. On September 3, 2005, I also issued Executive Order D 010 05 directing state agencies to prepare temporary housing for evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina. On September 29, 2005, I issued Executive Order D 011 05 extending Executive Orders D 008 05, Executive Order D 009 05 and Executive Order D 010 05 and amending the directives set forth in those Executive Orders to include Hurricane Rita. The effects Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have persisted causing a continued need for relief effort within the State of Colorado.

2. <u>Mission and Scope.</u>

- A. I find that a state of disaster emergency continues to exist due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I hereby amend and extend Executive Order D 011 05.
- B. I hereby order that each of my directives stated in Executive Orders D 008 05, D 009 05 and D 010 05 continue.

3. <u>Duration.</u>

This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days 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 28th day of October 2005.

Bill Owens Governor