# STATE OF COLORADO

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL PARDON

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under Article IV, Section 7, of the Colorado Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby issue this Executive Order granting a pardon to Bennie Kenneth Salazar.

## 1. Background and Need

Bennie Kenneth Salazar was adjudicated in 1992 of second degree assault, in Pueblo County, Colorado. He was sentenced to two years probation.

Since this offense, he has served as a U.S. Marine, worked at a boot camp for troubled youth, and is currently serving as a senior officer in the federal prison system. The District Attorney and Judge have no objection to the granting of this pardon. The Executive Clemency Advisory Board has reviewed and considered this application for clemency and based upon his exemplary citizenship recommends this pardon.

#### 2. Directive

I hereby order the following:

Bennie Kenneth Salazar is pardoned for the 1992 juvenile offense of second degree assault, committed in Pueblo County, Colorado.

All of his rights of citizenship, including but not limited to, voting, jury duty, holding public office and firearms privileges, are restored in full without condition. All of his civil disabilities and public sufferings associated with this conviction are removed and this pardon shall assist him with all public licensing, certification and employment requirements.

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GIVEN, under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado on this 22 day of December, 2005.

Bill Owens Governor