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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer
Governor

COLORADO SCENIC AND HISTORIC BYWAYS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Colorado offers abundant and easily accessible opportunities for viewing and visiting scenic, ecological, cultural and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, The United States Forest Service has initiated a National Scenic Byways Program to designate and promote the best scenic drives through National Forests, including those in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Tourism and recreation in Colorado would benefit from increased national exposure given to byways of exceptional scenic, ecological, cultural or historic interest; and

WHEREAS, Local governments and other groups have actively sought designation of Colorado byways, such as the Peak to Peak Highway, the San Juan Loop and the Scenic Highway of Legends; and

WHEREAS, Cities, Counties and the Colorado Highway Commission have the authority to designate and fund promotional activities for scenic and historic byways; and

WHEREAS, Designation of Colorado roads which exhibit exceptional scenic, ecological, cultural or historic values would benefit Colorado by promoting a statewide network of byways; and

WHEREAS, Integration of the Forest Service's Scenic Byways Program with state and local programs will increase overall economic and educational benefits to the State of Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE, I Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and statutes of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT,

1. There is created a Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission which shall consist of at least nine but not more than fifteen members, including one Colorado Highway Commissioner, one member of the Colorado Historical Society Board, and one member of the State Tourism Board. The committee shall also include as nonvoting members the

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Executive Directors of the Departments of Highways, Local Affairs and Natural Resources. Members shall be appointed by the Governor and serve terms of three years. The Commission shall serve without compensation.

2. The objective of the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission shall be to guide development of a network of Colorado roadways which have exceptional scenic, ecological, cultural and historic attributes, and to support promotional activities associated with designated byways.

3. The functions of the Commission shall be to: (1) develop and recommend criteria for designating scenic and historic byways to the Colorado Highway Commission for its approval; (2) evaluate nominations for and recommend designation of scenic and historic byways to the Colorado Highway Commission for its approval; (3) coordinate the State's involvement with the Forest Service Scenic Byways Program, including the promotion of state and local government priorities for designation as a Forest Service Scenic Byway; and (4) develop funding sources and support promotional and interpretive programs for designated scenic and historic byways.

4. The Commission shall identify and work closely with local and regional groups seeking designation of Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways. The Commission shall accept as pilot projects and promptly consider existing local proposals for designating the Peak to Peak Highway, the San Juan Loop and the Scenic Highway of Legends.

5. The Colorado Historical Society, working with local historical societies, shall support the Commission by identifying, promoting and preparing interpretive materials for historic sites located along scenic and historic byways.

6. The Commission shall meet at times and places designated by the Chair. The Department of Highways, with assistance from the Departments of Local Affairs and Natural Resources, shall provide staff support to the Commission. The Commission shall report to the Governor annually on its activities and accomplishments.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this 16th day of March, 1989.



Roy Romer
Governor