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Governor Owens Proclaims November Colorado Independent Publishers Month

10/31/02 - BROOMFIELD, COLORADO - On October 21st, 2002, Colorado Governor Bill Owens signed a proclamation declaring November as Colorado Independent Publishers Month. The Governor's proclamation emphasizes the importance of reading as the basis of all true education and our most powerful weapon to fight illiteracy, and recognizes the Colorado independent publishers that produce quality books of all kinds.

In the proclamation, Colorado's chief executive declares that the publishing of books is an essential element in preserving and passing on knowledge and furthering human advancement. Books are the highest form of literature, and are the most effective way to preserve and pass on knowledge, custom and tradition, communicate culture and teach essential life skills and philosophies, as well as accounts of dramatic human endeavor and historic achievement. The proclamation of November as Colorado Independent Publishers Month further asserts that, "independent book publishing depends upon the skill, dedication and courage of entrepreneurs willing to take personal and business risks to create books of profound impact as singular documents of human communications."

CIPA president, Kenn Amdahl, says, "Over 300 Colorado publishing companies belong to the Colorado Independent Publishers Association. We're honored that the governor has recognized them in this way." Fred Holden, CIPA Proclamation liaison, adds, "The publishing of quality books is an essential form of human and commercial enterprise for the advancement of knowledge, education, culture and civilization. We are fortunate the printed word is protected by the first amendment of our incredibly important bill of rights."

Members of the media may obtain a copy of the proclamation by visiting the website of Colorado Independent Publishers Association (CIPA) at www.cipabooks.com or by contacting Fred Holden, Secretary, CIPA, at (303) 421-7619 or FredHolden@aol.com. For a catalogue of books by Colorado independent publishers, **members of the media** may contact Ken Amdahl, President, CIPA, at (303) 436-1982 or WORDGUISE@aol.com.

Colorado Independent Publishers Association (CIPA) is a nonprofit statewide cooperative of independent book publishers. CIPA was created in 1992 for the express purpose of exchanging information on publishing-related topics and organizing cooperative marketing programs. It is an affiliate of Publishers Marketing Association (PMA) and Small Publishers Association of North America (SPAN). For more information, please visit the website at www.cipabooks.com.

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