WHEREAS, the issue of water management and conservation is of the utmost concern and priority for the state of Colorado, to ensure our quality of life and economic viability; and

WHEREAS, Colorado’s ability to recognize and implement management practices for water users that utilize the best of technology, design, and material use – based on Colorado’s climate and soil conditions to conserve and manage water use in our environment – is highly advantageous; and

WHEREAS, the Green Industries of Colorado, in conjunction with representatives from Colorado State University Cooperative Extension, Colorado State University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Colorado Water Resources Institute, Denver Water, and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, have developed practices – through both the science and practical application of landscape or outdoor urban water use – that provide both efficiency and flexibility for planning agencies at the local and state level, as well as individual property owners, to maximize water use while preserving viable landscape options; and

WHEREAS, these best management practices (BMPs) are an evolving set of guidelines and standards, which will take advantage of future technological developments and future refined water practices, that can be adopted by local, county, and state agencies as a goal for water management and conservation; and

WHEREAS, BMPs are state-of-the-art practices for water conservation and water quality protection that help to ensure the future viability of our great state;

Now Therefore, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim December 12 – 16, 2005,

GREEN INDUSTRY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

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

Bill Owens
Governor