

Proclamation

WHEREAS, voting is an important civic responsibility and a powerful means for American citizens to participate in our government; and

WHEREAS, engaging young people to vote, as soon as they are eligible, encourages a lifetime of civic engagement and participation in our democratic process, and is essential in ensuring the voices of young people are heard in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, registering young people to vote helps make voting more accessible when they become eligible to vote. Colorado law allows 16-year-olds to pre-register to vote; and

WHEREAS, educators play a critical role in the development of their students as productive, active citizens, and participation in the electoral process is one of the earliest introductions students can have in becoming informed and engaged citizens. Colorado Revised Statutes § 1-2-402 states that principals of public high schools, or their designees, may serve as deputy registrars and register any student who is eligible to register to vote. A deputy registrar may also have available official voter registration application forms for students who are 18 years of age or who will be 18 years of age at the time of the next election; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State's Office has partnered with Inspire Colorado to encourage peer to peer non-partisan voter registration, participation, and civic engagement. Inspire Colorado supports high schools in planning and conducting voter registration activities. The Secretary of State's Office has also created the Eliza Pickrell Routt Award in honor of Eliza Pickrell Routt's dedication to voting equality; and

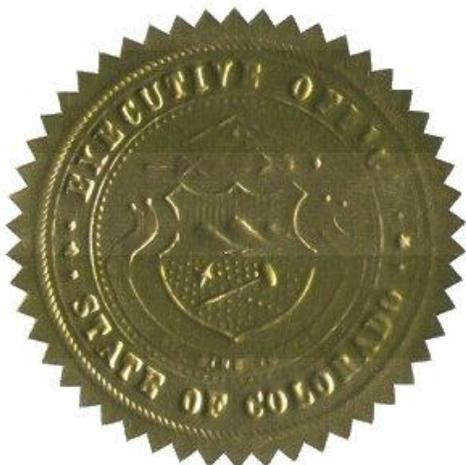
WHEREAS, high school and college teachers, administrators, and students are hereby encouraged to hold registration drives at their schools in order to make voter registration more accessible and convenient for all eligible students in our state;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between September 24, 2018 and September 28, 2018, as

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-fourth day of September, 2018



John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor