



*WHEREAS, Coloradans recognize the importance of increasing awareness of the broad reach of homelessness and hunger, and demanding bold action from a broad coalition of partners across government, business, the nonprofit sector, and the community; and*

*WHEREAS, it is unacceptable in a prosperous and generous state to have nearly 22,000 children and youth, as well as thousands of seniors, veterans, and other residents, who do not have a safe, stable place to call home, or for one in six Colorado children to go hungry and nearly 628,000 Coloradans to be without food security; and*

*WHEREAS, in partnership with the State of Colorado many organizations and initiatives such as Close to Home and the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger are committed to building well-being by connecting residents to available services, implementing public policy initiatives, and encouraging all Coloradans to learn more, speak up, and lend a hand so that every resident has a safe place to call home and enough food to eat; and*

*WHEREAS, in the last three years, the Division of Housing in the Department of Local Affairs has supported the creation or preservation of 7,745 affordable housing units in communities across Colorado, and in FY 2018 dedicated \$15.3 million in marijuana tax revenue to housing interventions through the Homeless Solutions Program; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado has improved from 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation in school breakfasts to 11<sup>th</sup>, and over the last year, more than 35 state agencies, counties, healthcare systems, nonprofits, community leaders, and individuals with lived experience have launched the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger, a five-year plan to end hunger in every Colorado community; and*

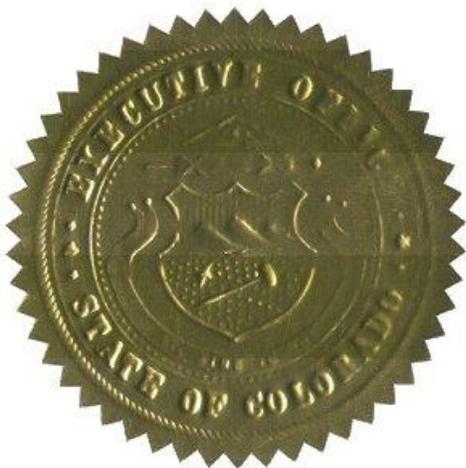
*WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness are solvable problems and every resident is encouraged to volunteer, donate needed items, and support efforts by public leaders to increase affordable housing opportunities and food security with the goal of making homelessness and hunger in our state history within our lifetime;*

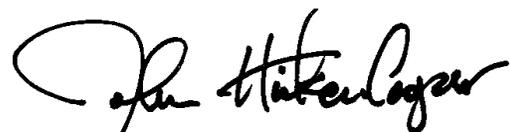
*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between, November 12, 2018, and November 16, 2018, as*

***HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS AND ACTION WEEK***

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twelfth day of November, 2018*



  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor