

WHEREAS, energy is a fundamental part of our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, energy supports the most basic daily tasks such as feeding our families, commuting to work, and cooling our homes; and

WHEREAS, energy enriches many of the enjoyable aspects of life – lights at the baseball field, air conditioning at the theater, rides at the state fair; and

WHEREAS, energy sustains modern society’s complex systems including patient care, air traffic control, and industrial processes; and

WHEREAS, following a powerful storm, restoring energy supplies is a first step to returning normalcy to our homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, energy generates commerce and fuels economic growth in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, our utility energy industry in Colorado provides a diversified energy portfolio that supports a wide range of jobs; and

WHEREAS, energy related industries provide careers to thousands of Coloradans ranging from line workers to engineers, customer service representatives to accountants, chemists to environmentalists, power plant operators to executives – all valued and all essential; and

WHEREAS, energy related industries need new workers to provide a bridge into the future, replacing retiring workers and maintaining a highly skilled and talented workforce to meet the new challenges of a growing economy; and

WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships, the Colorado Energy Workforce Consortia (CEWC), comprised of representatives from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Rural Electric Association, Black Hills Corporation and Xcel Energy, strives to promote a unified and results-oriented effort to ensure Coloradans find rewarding careers in energy so that Colorado can continue to grow and flourish;

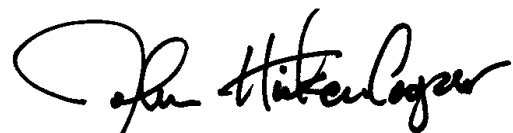
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between October 17, 2016 and October 21, 2016, as

CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventeenth day of October, 2016




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor