

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans With Disabilities Act into law, which grants people with disabilities legal rights that allow them to more fully participate in their communities, as well as protection from discrimination in employment, public transportation, and accommodation; and

WHEREAS, the Americans With Disabilities Act, similar to the 1964 Civil Rights Act that helped inspire it, has played a significant role in extending legal protections against discrimination, in reducing barriers, and in expanding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, by bringing attention to physical barriers, accessibility issues in technology, unfair hiring and other discriminatory practices, the Americans With Disabilities Act has empowered millions of lives; and

WHEREAS, Colorado can take pride in the major strides that have been made to reaffirm the principles of equality and inclusion, including the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act that prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations; the Colorado Rehabilitation Act that funds various disability-related activities; and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation that helps people with disabilities gain meaningful employment; and

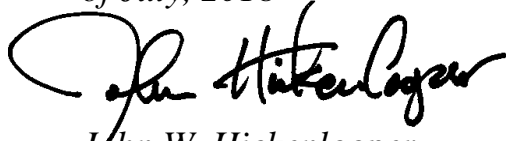
WHEREAS, on the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made, and acknowledge that there is more work to be done to make our state still stronger and more inclusive for everyone;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, July 26, 2018, as

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ANNIVERSARY DAY

in the State of Colorado.

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


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

