

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colorado's roadway drivers and workers are valuable human resources that should be protected and kept safe; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's roadway workers strive to improve the safety and efficiency of the streets, utility lines, bridges, and highways in our state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's drivers are asked to pay extra attention when driving through cone zone roadways to help ensure the safety of roadway workers; and

WHEREAS, in the course of a few seconds, a distracted driver can devastate a roadway worker's life and family by texting, applying makeup or shaving, eating or drinking, talking on a cell phone, adjusting music, picking up items off the car floor or seat, engaging with passengers, kids, and pets, or reading a map while also operating a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, more than 600 persons are killed and another 37,000 persons are injured in work zone crashes each year across the country—or in other words, an average of 7 motorists and 1 highway worker is killed in any given five-day work week; and

WHEREAS, there were 14 work zone fatalities in Colorado during 2013—many of which could have been prevented; and

WHEREAS, Colorado traffic fines double in work zones; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's roadway workers include heavy equipment operators, maintenance personnel, utility workers, pipefitters, flaggers, truck drivers, asphalt pavers, snowplow drivers, administrative workers, engineers, traffic control technicians and suppliers; and

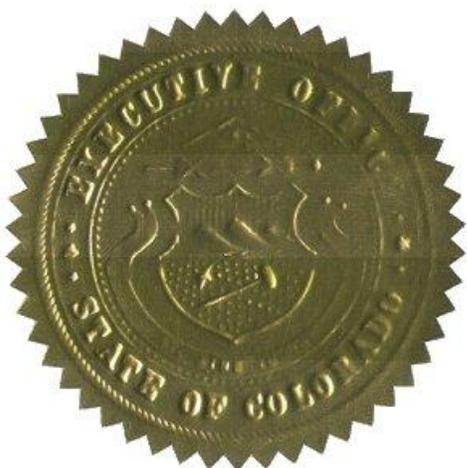
WHEREAS, there is occasion to recognize and honor the important role that Colorado's roadway workers serve in keeping our state's roads safe and in good condition;

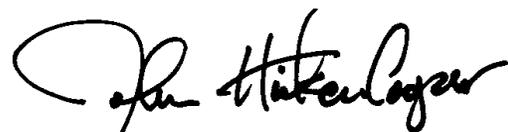
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between March 23, 2015 and March 27, 2015, as

WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of March, 2015




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor