

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, lightning is one of the greatest storm-related killers in Colorado, killing more people than flash floods and tornados combined; and*

*WHEREAS, beyond fatalities, lightning inflicts devastating life-long, severe injuries; and*

*WHEREAS, residents and visitors to Colorado enjoy a wealth of outdoor recreational activities, which make them more vulnerable to being struck by lightning; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado on average since 1980, has documented three fatalities and twelve injuries per year; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado is ranked fourth by population in the Nation when it comes to lightning fatalities for years 1959 through 2017; and*

*WHEREAS, the vast majority of lightning casualties could be prevented if people follow simple lightning safety guidelines; and*

*WHEREAS, the key to understanding the dangers of lightning is through education and awareness; and*

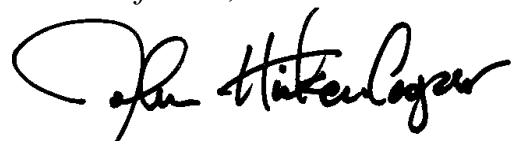
*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between June 25, 2018 and June 29, 2018, as*

### **LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

*in the State of Colorado*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-fifth day of June, 2018*

  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor