

WHEREAS, more than 800 physician anesthesiologists serve our state and more than 50,000 physician anesthesiologists serve our nation; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 million operations and procedures are performed every year in the United States with physician anesthesiologists playing a critical role, before, during, and after these procedures, making patient safety and comfort their top priority; and

WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists care for patients in operating rooms, in GI and pulmonary procedural suites, in pain clinics and post-operative pain services, in Intensive Care Units, in imaging and interventional Radiology suites, in cardiac catheterization laboratories, in ambulatory surgery centers, and in other physician and dental offices; and

WHEREAS, through research, education, and expanded training, including at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, physician anesthesiologists have made anesthesia care safer than ever before; and

WHEREAS, when seconds count, when emergencies or complications occur unexpectedly, physician anesthesiologists draw on their extensive medical education and years of clinical training and experience to make critical decisions that save lives; and

WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists serve Coloradans through the Colorado Medical Board, the Nurse-Physician Advisory Task Force for Colorado, the Medicaid Payment Advisory Commission, and on many non-profit boards, committees, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, physician anesthesiologists are committed to educating patients to make their anesthesia even safer, to reduce their risk of complication, and to hasten their recovery from surgery; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans are this week encouraged to recognize and celebrate physician anesthesiologists who have developed the knowledge, techniques, and protocols that have greatly improved the safety of anesthesia and the well-being of surgical patients;

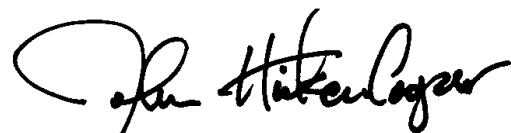
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between January 30, 2017 and February 3, 2017, as

PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirtieth day of January, 2017




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor