



WHEREAS, Colorado is home to a diverse range of foundations, funders, and donors that invest in causes that include education, health, early childhood, arts and culture, the environment, human services, and more; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Colorado raises awareness of the importance of a philanthropic and charitable sector that generates more than \$40 billion in economic impact in Colorado alone; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Philanthropy Colorado has served as a vibrant network by strengthening the foundation community, nonprofit sector, and communities across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Colorado has been led for nearly 15 years by its first full-time chief executive Joanne Kelley, who is retiring in April 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kelley has guided Philanthropy Colorado through a transformative period of steady growth, nearly doubling its membership, tripling annual revenue, and expanding professional staff; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Colorado has increased its capacity to lead and serve the field through extensive member education programs, numerous peer learning networks, and various advocacy activities; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Colorado has significantly expanded its reach through a Rural Funders Learning Network, online training programs, and a vibrant network of regional community foundation CEOs; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Colorado stood with Governor Jared Polis and the philanthropic sector in creating the statewide COVID Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Colorado supports policies aimed at increasing charitable giving and has been recognized nationally for its efforts to collaborate with its members on non-partisan public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropy Colorado has embraced a commitment to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in the field and on behalf of local communities;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2024, as

PHILANTHROPY COLORADO DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-first day of March, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor