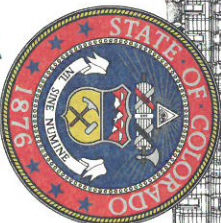
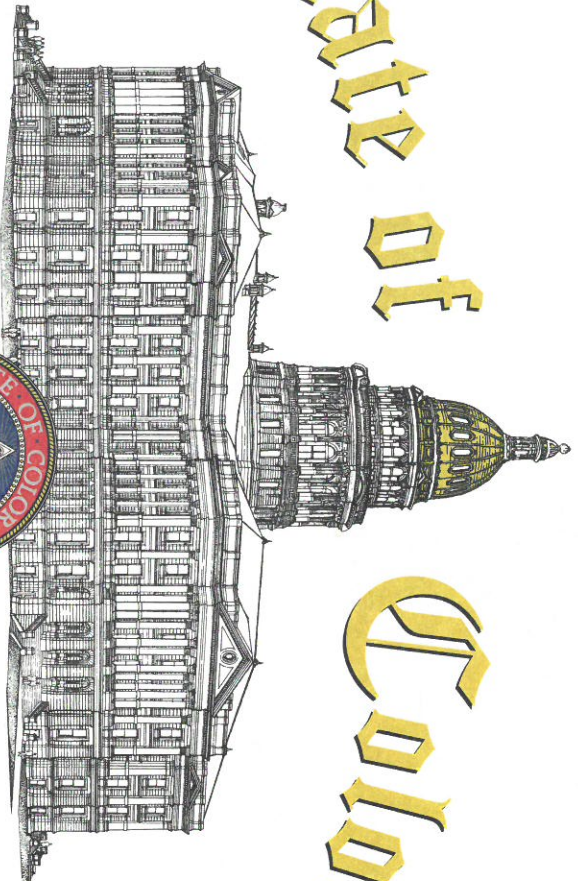


State of

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, our nation's libraries support free and open access to literacy programs, books, computers, and other resources to help children and adults learn to find, evaluate, and use information they need for jobs, health, housing, education, and other needs; and

WHEREAS, Colorado public, academic, school, and special libraries fulfill the critical role of providing tools to build a literate community for young children, their caregivers, parents, educators, and all Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, the state's libraries offer general internet use training, as well as technical training to help people apply for jobs, gain essential technology skills, and obtain crucial education and life-changing opportunities as part of the 21st century workforce; and

WHEREAS, Colorado libraries offer access to online homework assistance to help students bridge the learning gap and reach their school and career goals; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's public libraries are often the only free source of Internet access in their communities, providing a vital link for residents to technology and information; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans annually borrow a combined total of over 148 million items from the state's school, public, and academic libraries, or more than 27 items per person; and


WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that schools with state certified school librarians saw 4th grade reading test scores improve over those schools with no such staffing;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, March 14, 2017, as

COLORADO LIBRARY DAY

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this fourteenth day of
March, 2017*


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

