



*WHEREAS, emergency preparedness depends on the leadership and efforts of elected officials, public servants, and dedicated volunteers; and*

*WHEREAS, damaging hail, strong winds, violent thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash floods, and mudslides frequently occur during spring and summer in Colorado, often placing lives and property in jeopardy; and*

*WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that a well-informed and prepared public, which heeds warnings and takes proper, protective actions, can reduce loss of life and damage to property when threatened by Colorado's severe weather; and*

*WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the Colorado State Forest Service, and local government agencies are ready to work with the citizens of this state and the news media to inform the public of severe weather preparedness and safety measures;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2013,*

***COLORADO SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK***

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourteenth day of April, 2013*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*

