



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the combined impacts of adverse forest conditions across Colorado creates dangerous wildfire conditions that threaten the lives and property of Coloradans, as well as endanger our states delicate ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the key to understanding the dangers of wildfire is through education and awareness, and past experiences have demonstrated that a well-informed and prepared public can take actions to prevent fires from starting; and

WHEREAS, there are a half million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes annually, creating approximately half of the wildland fires in Colorado, and more people in Colorado are killed or injured by lightning each year than from any other weather hazard; and

WHEREAS, Lightning Safety and Wildfire Awareness Week will promote the awareness and education of necessary actions and strategies to prevent wildfires, and the loss of life, property, and environmental damage associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the Colorado State Forest Service, and local government agencies are prepared to assist the citizens of Colorado and inform the public of lightning safety measures and wildfire preparedness;

Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim June 24- 30, 2012,

COLORADO LIGHTNING SAFETY AND WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-first day of May, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

*John Hickenlooper
Governor*

