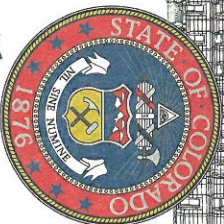
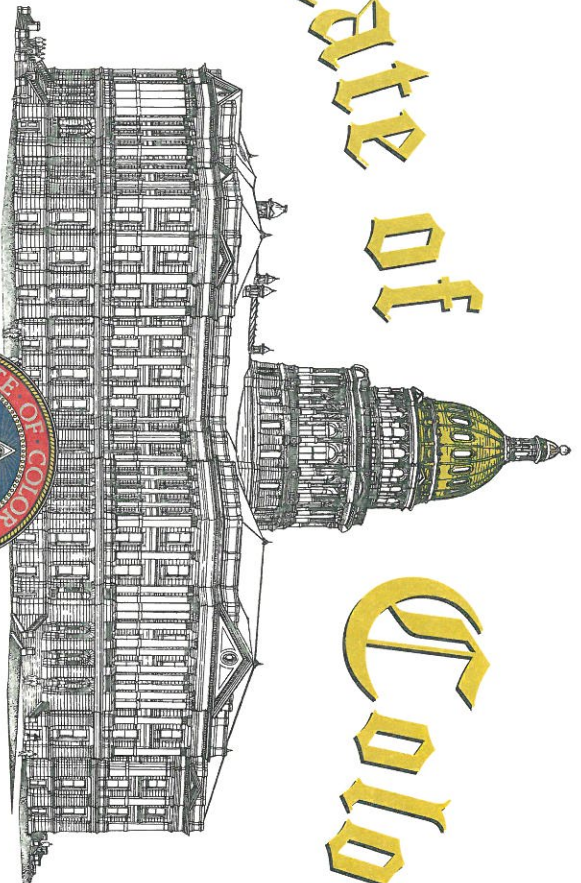


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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Pueblo City-County Library District (PCCLD) serves as a bedrock for the Pueblo community by offering welcoming and exceptional facilities, outstanding collections, and well-trained employees; and

WHEREAS, the PCCLD staff provides expert service by encouraging the joy of reading, supporting lifelong learning, and presenting access to information from around the world; and

WHEREAS, during 2017, PCCLD loaned nearly 2.6 million items, greeted more than 1.3 million visitors, welcomed over 270 program attendees, and was recognized by the Library Journal as a four-star library—which places it in the top 2% of all libraries in the country; and

WHEREAS, PCCLD helps children stay mentally engaged during the summer by offering the Summer Reading program, and had a total participation of more than 39,000 readers for the 2017 All Pueblo Reads literary project in the fall; and

WHEREAS, in December 2017, PCCLD was nominated for the Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Leslie B. Knope contest for the Best Public Library in America by Laura Savage of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District; and

WHEREAS, the PCCLD and Laura Savage worked tirelessly over six weeks to promote the library district, and gained more than 25,000 votes in order to win weekly voting in the ELGL contest; and

WHEREAS, organizations and individuals throughout the Pueblo region, the State of Colorado, and the entire country showed their support for PCCLD and other public libraries through the duration of the ELGL Leslie B. Knope Best Library in America contest; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2018 it was announced by the ELGL that, with 19,964 votes cast in the final championship, PCCLD was the winner of the Leslie B. Knope Award and is the best public library in America; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans are today encouraged to recognize and celebrate with the Public City-County Library District for its significant and enduring contributions to the vitality of our state;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, March 16, 2018, as

PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this sixteenth day of
March, 2018

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

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

