

WHEREAS, since 1916, the Girl Scout Gold Award has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere with girls who pursue the award aspiring to transform an idea and vision for change into an actionable plan with far-reaching results making 2016 100 Years of Changing the World; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award requires girls in grades 9–12 to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community through assessing a need, designing a solution, and, through completion of their project, inspiring others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, the highest award in Girl Scouting honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2015 Girl Scout Research Institute study, The Power of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Excellence in Leadership and Life, compared with those who have never participated in Girl Scouting, Gold Award recipients exhibit greater sense of self, life satisfaction, leadership opportunities and participation ambition, and community service and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience helps girls develop a solid foundation in leadership through core programs around science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); environmental stewardship; healthy living; financial literacy; and global citizenship; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication, time and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is brought to more than 21,000 girls in grades K–12 across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in 2015-16 Girl Scout year in Colorado, 48 Girl Scouts helped make the world a better place and earned the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between May 2, 2016, and May 6, 2016 as

## GIRL SCOUTS OF COLORADO WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this second day of May, 2016

John W. Hickenlooper

Governor