WHEREAS, since the early 1980s, Colorado, the United States, and the world have been devastated by the loss of life and the impact of AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus); and

WHEREAS, we endorse UNAIDS and the City and County of Denver in acknowledging the significance of the 90-90-90 Paris Declaration and issue a call to action for achieving the global milestones of knowledge of HIV status and maximizing the positive health outcomes of HIV treatment which includes viral suppression; and

WHEREAS, we aspire to making Colorado a state that fully responds to the needs of those living with HIV and those at risk of acquiring HIV; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to realizing the goals of the Colorado HIV/AIDS Strategy to end the AIDS epidemic in Colorado, to significantly reduce new HIV infections, and to support people living with HIV in order to live long and productive lives free of stigma by 2020; and

WHEREAS, we want to live in a state where all Coloradans understand that HIV and the related stigma and discrimination affect everyone; and

WHEREAS, on World AIDS Day 2015, we remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS related illness, and honor those living with the daily challenges of HIV, as well as thank those who have dedicated countless hours to compassionate service; and

WHEREAS, Colorado led the nation in establishing the Denver Principles in 1983 and the HIV Care Continuum in 2011;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, December 1, 2015, as

WORLD AIDS DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of December, 2015

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor