

WHEREAS, military service plays a significant part in the rich history, present, and future of Colorado and the State is home to over 400,000 veterans who have bravely served our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Bell Foundation was founded in Colorado to ensure our veteran community is supported, that those who have served and sacrificed are respected, and that they receive every honor at their time of passing; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Bell has been "forged from honor" to include service related artifacts of twelve deceased Colorado veterans; and

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, we as a Nation acknowledge all those that have served and sacrificed for our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the first Honor Bell is today dedicated to be tolled by veterans as a tribute to Colorado's veterans at Fort Logan National Cemetery;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, May 30, 2016, as

## HONOR BELL #001 DEDICATION DAY

in the State of Colorado.



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

John W. Hickenlooper

Governor