

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 90 percent of Colorado residents aged 25 years and older hold a high school diploma yet only 37 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has the second largest degree attainment gap in the country between Whites and Hispanic/Latino students; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Colorado consistently express their caring commitment to the future of education in our state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Completes is an initiative that celebrates programs on Colorado's campuses that are moving the needle on student success, particularly for under-served populations such as first generation, low-income and minority students; and

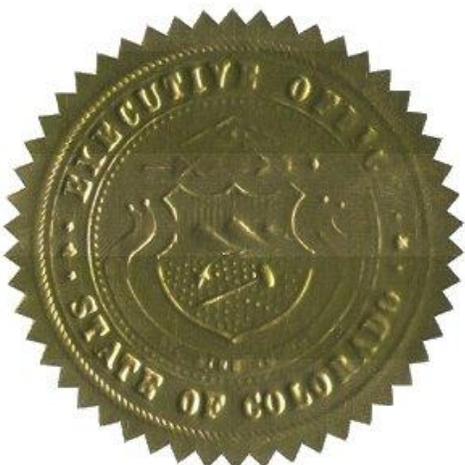
WHEREAS, Colorado Completes aims to share best practices with all institutions of higher education supported with research and data; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Completes supports innovative strategies that will directly benefit the state's economic future;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 2014,

COLORADO COMPLETES MONTH

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of October, 2014

John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor