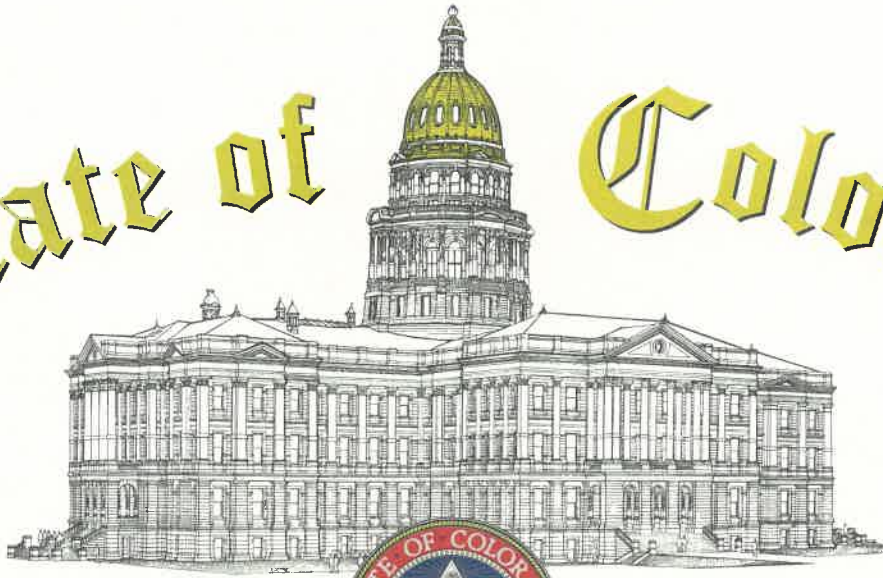


# State of Colorado



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, on April 20, 1999 the state of Colorado and the entire world suffered great loss and sorrow by the horrific massacre of twelve students and one teacher, the physical harm caused to twenty-four students, and emotional trauma inflicted upon countless students and community members; and*

*WHEREAS, we will never forget the lives of those 12 students and one teacher, the 24 students injured, and the others in the community who have and will continue to navigate and process the trauma from that day; and*

*WHEREAS, our communities have ever since recommitted themselves to acts of kindness in memory and honor of those murdered and harmed; and*

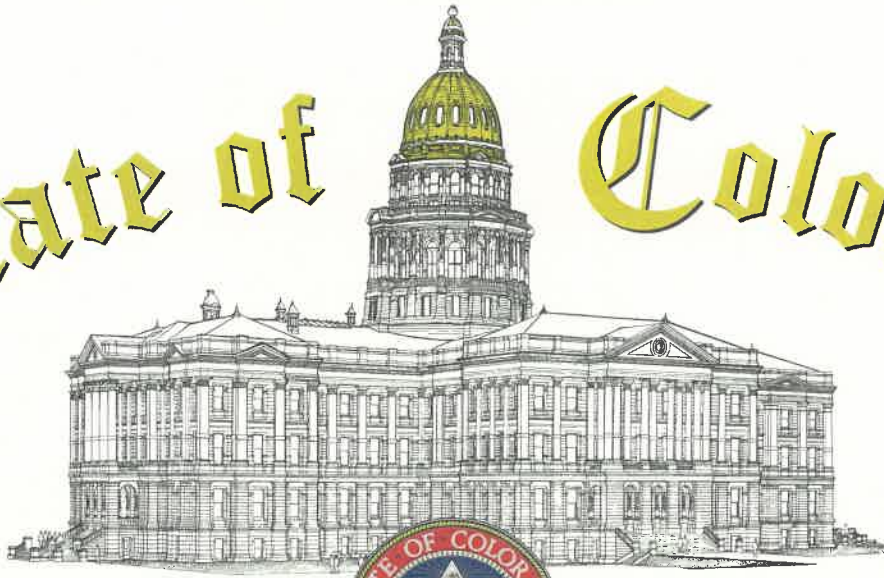
*WHEREAS, these acts of kindness appear as smiles that close gaps between strangers, parents who change jobs to spend more time with their family, people of all ages who volunteer to help others, and the strengthening of an all-encompassing atmosphere of giving and reaching out to others; and*

*WHEREAS, on April 20th each year, Columbine High School celebrates a Day of Service, during which students and staff, joined by alumni and community member volunteers, come together in memory of our beloved thirteen to perform acts of kindness for first responders, senior citizens, neighboring schools, community parks, homeless shelters, and others in need of service; and*

*WHEREAS, the Day of Service on April 20th has grown stronger and been adopted by other schools in Colorado, across the United States, and all around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize this community for turning their pain into healing and outreach; and*

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*WHEREAS, in remembrance of this day we wish to take this pain and turn it into positive acts of love, where:*

- 1) We shall pause to remember Cassie Bernall, Steven Curnow, Corey DePooter, Kelly Fleming, Matthew Kechter, Daniel Mauser, Daniel Rohrbough, Dave Sanders, Rachel Scott, Isaiah Shoels, John Tomlin, Lauren Townsend and Kyle Velasquez as well as all victims of school shootings*
- 2) In honor of these innocents we shall recommit ourselves to acts of kindness bestowed on our family, friends and community.*
- 3) Members of the Columbine High School community, and those who join us on each Day of Recommitment, will serve as guiding lights turning pain into healing and hatred into enlightenment and love.*

*Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 20<sup>th</sup> forevermore as,*

### *A DAY OF RECOMMITMENT*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twentieth day of April, 2019*

*Jared Polis*

*Jared Polis  
Governor*

