



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colorado is a leader in healthcare innovation and collaboration and is striving to become the healthiest state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, healthy people and a safe, sustainable healthcare system have a positive impact on our workforce, cost of government and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of sepsis, also known as blood poisoning, is increasing in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on average in Colorado, each year there are more than 12,000 cases of sepsis and an estimated 3,000 people die due to sepsis; and

WHEREAS, sepsis is the most costly inpatient medical condition, costing Colorado hospitals \$545 million in 2012; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the sepsis deaths in Colorado are preventable and early identification and proper treatment of sepsis would reduce the financial, emotional and physical hardships currently impacting patients, their families and our health system;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, September 13, 2014,

SEPSIS AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirteenth day of September, 2014

John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor