



WHEREAS, Colorado was the first state in the nation to bring back the cultivation of hemp after 75 years of prohibition; and

WHEREAS, Colorado leads the nation in industrial hemp production acreage; and

WHEREAS, Colorado held the first historic hemp harvest since the crop was reintroduced; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has long recognized the strong economic potential that hemp production offers our agricultural sector as a food, fiber, and cannabinoid producer and the increasing consumer demand for hemp products in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has been a national leader in developing public policies that support hemp production, protect farmers and consumers, and treat hemp as an important agricultural product and not a controlled substance; and

WHEREAS, Colorado was the first state in the nation to recognize hemp as a food product and agricultural commodity; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is committed to expanding research and development of the hemp industry with a Hemp Center of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is committed to building strong hemp businesses that employ thousands of people across our state; and

WHEREAS, Hemp is a necessary agricultural commodity to promote conservation; and

WHEREAS, Hemp products can provide sustainable solutions and options for consumers; and businesses;

Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado do hereby proclaim the period between June 6, 2020 and June 13, 2020 as

COLORADO HEMP WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixth day of June, 2020

A blue ink signature of Jared Polis, written in a cursive style.

*Jared Polis
Governor*