



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is home to more than 7,500 lakes and reservoirs, totaling over 314,000 acres; and*

*WHEREAS, our lakes and reservoirs are essential water storage facilities; and*

*WHEREAS, our lakes are an important part of Colorado's way of life and the state's environment; and*

*WHEREAS, lakes are sources of recreation, scenic beauty, and habitats for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's lakes are a valuable economic resource for businesses, tourism, and municipal governments; and*

*WHEREAS, many organizations and volunteers have demonstrated the importance of protecting Colorado's lakes by actively monitoring their water quality;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, July 2018, as*

### *LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH*

*in the State of Colorado*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of July, 2018*

*John W. Hickenlooper*  
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Governor