

*WHEREAS, Air Force Space Command, which is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, provides operational control of the Global Positioning System (GPS) and today celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GPS as a fully-operational satellite precision navigation and timing system; and*

*WHEREAS, GPS has been provided free of cost by Air Force Space Command since 1995 and is an integral part of our global economy with an incalculable impact that has improved the everyday lives of billions of people around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, GPS has never failed to exceed performance standards and remains the gold standard for global space-based navigation and timing by providing highly reliable and accurate GPS signals to users around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, all operational GPS satellites in orbit today have been successfully launched and positioned in orbit by United Launch Alliance (ULA) or heritage launch vehicles by ULA, headquartered in Centennial, Colorado; and*

*WHEREAS, a majority of the operational GPS satellites in orbit today, as well as the initial increment of next generation GPS satellites are, and will be produced by Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Littleton, Colorado; and*

*WHEREAS, the ground control system for the next generation of GPS satellites is being developed by Raytheon in Aurora, Colorado with support from companies in Colorado such as Harris Corporation, Boeing, Braxton Technologies, and Infinity Systems Engineering; and*

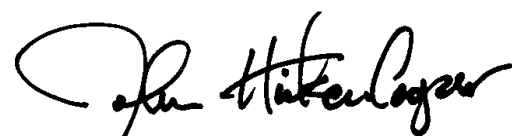
*WHEREAS, Colorado is proud to be a leader in providing GPS technology which has far-reaching utility and whose multi-use services are integral to U.S. national security, economic growth, transportation safety, and emergency assistance, as well as being an essential element of global economic development;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, July 17, 2015, as*

**GPS DAY**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventeenth day of July, 2015*

  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

