



*WHEREAS, Colorado's 22 million acres of public land and 54 peaks over 14,000 feet make our state home to some of the greatest biodiversity in the contiguous United States; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals living within the Rocky Mountain region are privileged to a higher standard of living, including more outdoor recreation opportunities, as a result of Colorado's unique and beautiful ecosystems; and*

*WHEREAS, plant and animal species worldwide are disappearing at a rate of 100 to 1,000 times faster than they did just 200 years ago; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado's environment, conservation ethic, and passion for the outdoors makes our state the ideal setting to preserve and protect our region's impressive and irreplaceable biodiversity; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans are encouraged to recognize all the year-round hard work that is done by nonprofits within our state to prevent the extinction of species and their habitats in the Rocky Mountain region; and*

*WHEREAS, National Endangered Species Day is May 15th and Colorado Public Lands Day is May 16th; and*

*WHEREAS, a week dedicated to the mission of educating the public and working towards the protection of the over 300 plant and animal species that are at risk in Colorado will not only benefit the goals of such work but also the long-term ecosystem, as well as economic, future Colorado;*

*Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, the period between May 10, 2020 and May 16, 2020, as*

### **COLORADO ENDANGERED SPECIES WEEK**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of May, 2020*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis  
Governor