



Proclamation

*WHEREAS, on June 24, 1870, the first railroad train arrived in Denver, Colorado; and
WHEREAS, within several decades there were more than 2,000 miles of railroad tracks crossing Colorado, providing transportation and economic development that helped Colorado grow and prosper and become a state in 1876; and
WHEREAS, Colorado is known around the world for its historic preservation of railroading history, and today operating historic railroads and rail museums have become an important staple of Colorado's multi-billion dollar tourism industry; and
WHEREAS, the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, CO is dedicated to bringing the state's railroading heritage to life and has the state's most broadly representative collection of historic locomotives and cars; and
WHEREAS, History Colorado operates the Georgetown Loop, which is considered one of the greatest railroad engineering feats of the 19th century and was one of Colorado's first and most significant visitor attractions, today serving as an important economic driver; and
WHEREAS, Colorado is a co-owner with the State of New Mexico of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, which is the highest, longest and most authentic narrow gauge steam railroad in North America; and
WHEREAS, Amtrak, operates two transcontinental railroad routes through Colorado, both of them considered scenic; and
WHEREAS, Colorado is also a center for numerous historic model railroads, including those found at the Colorado Model Railroad Museum in Greeley, as well as at the Colorado Railroad Museum; and
WHEREAS, Colorado also has numerous regional railroad museums including the Forney Transportation Museum in Denver; the Gunnison Pioneer & Train Museum in Gunnison; the Pikes Peak Trolley Museum in Colorado Springs; the Pueblo Railroad Museum; the Ridgway Railroad Museum; the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Museums in both Durango and Silverton; the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg; and the Moffat Railroad Museum in Granby; and
WHEREAS, every corner of Colorado has participated in historic railroad preservation with displays of rail cars, locomotives and restored railroad stations found in Alamosa, Black Hawk, Breckenridge, Buena Vista, Burlington, Castle Rock, Central City, Colorado Springs, Como, Dolores, Fort Collins, Frisco, Grand Junction, Hugo, Limon, Nederland, and Winter Park, to name a few;*

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby proclaim the time period between June 19, 2022 and June 25, 2022 as

RAIL HERITAGE WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this nineteenth day of June, 2022



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor