

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1864, approximately 675 United States soldiers, under the command of Colonel John Chivington, killed more than 200 Cheyenne and Arapaho villagers, mostly elderly men, women, and children, approximately 180 miles southeast of Denver, near Eads, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, November 29, 2017 is the 153rd Anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre, and this year marks the 19th Annual Spiritual Healing Run, which begins at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site near Eads and ends at the steps of the Colorado State Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site was established under Act of Congress, P.L. 106-465, signed into law by the President of the United States, and dedicated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on April 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the participants of the Spiritual Healing Run, representing the delegates of many American Indian Nations, will meet, pray, and participate in traditional activities with the members of the American Indian community and supporters in remembrance of the Cheyenne and Arapaho ancestors killed and wounded in the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre; and

WHEREAS, the Spiritual Healing Run is a historical event that will be spoken of in the oral histories of American Indian storytellers who share the legacies, legends, histories, and significance of the lives and cultures of America's indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Hickenlooper created the Sand Creek Massacre Commemoration Commission in 2014 to increase public awareness and community engagement about this important chapter in Colorado's history, as well as offering the first public apology on behalf of the State of Colorado to the descendents of the massacre and to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for the State's role in the Sand Creek Massacre; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans should recognize and acknowledge the importance of the Sand Creek Massacre in our history so that future generations can learn from the past and healing from this devastating event will continue;

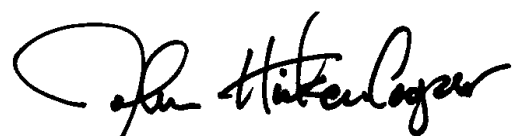
Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between November 23, 2017 and November 26, 2017, as

SAND CREEK MASSACRE SPIRITUAL HEALING RUN AND REMEMBRANCE DAYS

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of November, 2017




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor