



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, every 23 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.*

*WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 3,500 civilian deaths and 74% of these fatalities in 2020 occurred in the home.*

*WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 15,200 civilian injuries and 76% of these injuries in 2020 were also related to fires in the home.*

*WHEREAS, an estimated \$21.9 billion in property damage nationally occurred as a result of fire in 2020.*

*WHEREAS, wildland/urban interface (WUI) related fires remain a concern nationwide with multibillion-dollar losses as a result in 2020.*

*WHEREAS, the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80% of total call volume in some jurisdictions.*

*WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact.*

*WHEREAS, the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service.*

*WHEREAS, the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive.*

*WHEREAS, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program.*

*WHEREAS, Monday, January 17, 2022 is Martin Luther King Day and is nationally recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce the risk in their community through a series of educational and other programs.*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the time period between January 17, 2022 and January 23, 2022 as*

### COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventeenth day of January, 2022*

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

Jared Polis  
Governor