



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 3,800 civilian deaths and 75% of these fatalities in 2021 occurred in the home; and

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 14,700 civilian injuries and 76% of these injuries in 2021 were also related to fires in the home; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$15.9 billion in property damage nationally occurred as a result of fire in 2021; and

WHEREAS, wildland/urban interface (WUI) related fires remain a concern nationwide with multibillion-dollar losses as a result in 2021; and

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

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; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, Monday, January 16, 2023 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 that the time period between January 16, 2023 and January 22, 2023 be designated as

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixteenth day of January, 2023



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

*Jared Polis
Governor*