



WHEREAS, every 21 seconds, a fire department in the United States responded to a fire somewhere in the nation in 2022; and

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 3,790 civilian deaths and 72% of these fatalities in 2022 occurred in the home; and

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 13,250 civilian injuries and 75% of these injuries in 2022 were also related to fires in the home; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$18.0 billion in property damage nationally occurred as a result of fire in 2022; and

WHEREAS, wildland/urban interface (WUI) related fires remain a concern nationwide with multibillion-dollar losses as a result in 2022; 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 15, 2024 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 period of time between January 15 and January 21, 2024, as

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fifteenth day of January, 2024



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

*Jared Polis
Governor*