

# STATE OF COLORADO

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John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

ORDERED:

That Donna Lynne, DrPH of Denver, Colorado, be and she is hereby nominated as the:

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

for a term expiring the second Tuesday in January, 2019:

effective upon confirmation by a majority vote of both houses of the General Assembly and to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Joseph A. Garcia.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this thirtieth day  
of March, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

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March 30, 2016

The Honorable Colorado House of Representatives  
Colorado General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
200 E. Colfax Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80203

To the Honorable Colorado Senate  
Colorado General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
200 E. Colfax Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

As you know, Joe Garcia has tendered his resignation as Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado effective April 29, 2016. With this letter, I am honored to submit for your approval the nomination of Dr. Donna Lynne to fill the constitutional role of Lieutenant Governor.

As Lieutenant Governor, Joe Garcia has been an invaluable member of our Administration. He has been a widely respected state leader in higher education, a close advisor, and a trusted friend. His work on behalf of Colorado children - striving to ensure educational opportunity for all - is second to none. Our Administration will miss his counsel and leadership, and we wish Lieutenant Governor Garcia the best as he enters a new chapter in his career.

The Lieutenant Governor serves a critical role in state government. First and foremost, the Lieutenant Governor assumes the constitutional duties of the Governor when he or she is unable to do so. The Lieutenant Governor also manages the State's relationship with and service to Native Americans. During my tenure as Governor, the Lieutenant Governor also served a dual role as a member of the Cabinet and executive director of the state Department of Higher Education.

Article IV, Section 13(2) of the Colorado Constitution requires that "[w]henver there is a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor . . . the governor shall nominate a lieutenant governor who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both houses of the general assembly." In accordance with these requirements, I hereby nominate Dr. Donna Lynne to fill the position of Lieutenant Governor and submit her for the General Assembly's consideration and approval. I am confident that Dr. Lynne is well qualified to fill the role of Lieutenant Governor and will be a dedicated servant to the people of Colorado.

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Dr. Lynne currently serves as executive vice president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals. In that role, she manages 16,000 employees and oversees a budget of over \$8 billion. Previously, she spent two decades in local government and many years in the private sector. She has significant experience in improving service delivery, management oversight, and program improvement. Dr. Lynne is also very active in the community, serving in leadership roles for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Public Schools Foundation, National Partnership for Women and Families, Teach for America-Colorado, and the University of Denver.

The office of Lieutenant Governor is a critical role in state government. Dr. Lynne's experience, her passion for service, and her history of managing large, complex institutions makes her a unique an ideal candidate for Colorado's next Lieutenant Governor. I urge your swift action to confirm Dr. Donna Lynne's nomination.

Should you have questions or wish to discuss, please contact me or Kurt Morrison, Legislative Director, Governor's Office at (303) 866-5465. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Speaker, House of Representatives  
The Honorable Bill Cadman, President, Senate  
The Honorable Crisanta Duran, Majority Leader, House of Representatives  
The Honorable Brian DelGrosso, Minority Leader, House of Representatives  
The Honorable Mark Scheffel, Majority Leader, Senate  
The Honorable Lucia Guzman, Minority Leader, Senate  
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