

# STATE OF COLORADO

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John W. Hickenlooper  
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## D 2013-030

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### **Amending the Authorization of Disaster Emergency to Include Additional Counties Affected by the Historic Flooding of September, 2013.**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of C.R.S. § 28-3-104 and relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending the authorization of Disaster Emergency to include additional counties affected by the historic flooding of September, 2013.

#### **I. Background and Purpose**

The Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters. C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704. The Colorado Disaster Emergency Act defines a disaster as “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damages, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to . . . flood.” C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3).

As a result of the historic flooding this September, eight people were killed, one person is still missing, 218 people were injured and over 18,000 people were forced to leave their homes. Damage to property has been widespread and extensive: 1,882 homes have been destroyed and FEMA estimates that over 26,000 households are directly affected by the flooding. As of October 6, 2013, 23,078 households have registered with FEMA.

The Colorado Department of Transportation, with assistance of the National Guard of Colorado, the National Guard of other states and local jurisdictions, has made record setting progress in repairing highways, roads, and bridges. Nevertheless, communities continue to be isolated, residents remain displaced, and many local businesses are shuttered or struggling. Three water treatment facilities and four wastewater treatment facilities are still not operating, with over twenty of each needing some type of repair and/or restoration. This does not include the miles of water and wastewater lines that need repair or replacement. As the state continues to

realize the magnitude of this disaster, additional counties, beyond those identified in previous Executive Orders, require state assistance to recover and rebuild.

The list of counties affected by the flooding, as declared and memorialized by Executive Order D 2013-026, Executive Order D 2013-027 and this Executive Order now include: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Boulder, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Crowley, Denver, El Paso, Fremont, Gilpin, Jefferson, Lake, Larimer, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Otero, Park, Pueblo, Prowers, Sedgwick, Washington, and Weld.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. The flooding along the Front Range continues to constitute a Disaster Emergency under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, 705. The declarations and directives found in Executive Order D 2013-026, Executive Order D 2013-027 and Executive Order D 2013-028 are hereby amended to be extended an additional 30 days from the signing of this Executive Order.
- B. I hereby declare a Disaster Emergency due to the flooding for Chaffee, Crowley, Gilpin, Lake, Lincoln, Otero, Park and Prowers counties. This declaration shall have the full force and effect as if contained in Executive Order D 2013-026.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from October 8, 2013, unless extended further by Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado this eighth day of  
October, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor