

# STATE OF COLORADO

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John W. Hickenlooper  
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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### Proclamation

#### Declaration of Vote on Amendment 70 – an amendment to Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution relating to the minimum wage

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular pursuant to Article V, Section 1(4) of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this proclamation declaring the vote on Amendment 70.

#### I. Background and Need

Amendment 70 was initiated by the people of the State of Colorado at the biennial regular election held on November 8, 2016. Secretary of State Wayne Williams certified on December 8, 2016, that he had canvassed the "Abstract of Votes Cast," and that the measure was approved by a majority of the votes cast.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 1(4) of the Colorado Constitution, measures initiated by or referred to the people of the state shall become the law or a part of the constitution when approved by a majority of the votes cast, and shall take effect from and after the date of the official declaration of the vote by proclamation of the governor, but not later than thirty days after the vote has been canvassed.

#### II. Declaration

Accordingly, I hereby issue this proclamation declaring the vote on the following measure initiated by the people on November 8, 2016:

Initiated Constitutional Amendment (Amendment 70): Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution increasing the minimum wage to \$9.30 per hour with annual increases of \$0.90 each January 1 until it reaches \$12 per hour effective January 2020, and annually adjusting it thereafter for cost-of-living increases?

Yes – 1,517,903 (55.36 percent)

No – 1,224,189 (44.63 percent)



GIVEN under my hand and  
the Executive Seal of the  
State of Colorado this  
sixteenth day of December  
2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor