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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Proclamation Declaration of Vote on Initiated Measure

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 Proposition 106, a measure relating to access to medical aid- in-dying medication.

I. Background and Need

Certain measures were initiated by or referred to 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, and that Proposition 106 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:

Proposition 106: Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes to permit any mentally capable adult Colorado resident who has a medical prognosis of death by terminal illness within six months to receive a prescription from a willing licensed physician for medication that can be self-administered to bring about death; and in connection therewith, requiring two licensed physicians to confirm the medical prognosis, that

the terminally-ill patient has received information about other care and treatment options, and that the patient is making a voluntary and informed decision in requesting the medication; requiring evaluation by a licensed mental health professional if either physician believes the patient may not be mentally capable; granting immunity from civil and criminal liability and professional discipline to any person who in good faith assists in providing access to or is present when a patient self-administers the medication; and establishing criminal penalties for persons who knowingly violate statutes relating to the request for the medication?

Yes – 1,765,786 (64.87 percent)

No – 956,263 (35.13 percent)



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

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

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor