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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 108, a measure relating to unaffiliated voter participation in primary elections.

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 108 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 108: Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the process of selecting candidates representing political parties on a general election ballot, and, in connection therewith, allowing an unaffiliated elector to vote in the primary election of a political party without declaring an affiliation with that party and permitting a political party in specific circumstances to select all of its candidates by assembly or convention instead of by primary election?

Yes – 1,398,577 (53.27 percent)

No – 1,227,117 (46.73 percent)



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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which reads 'John W. Hickenlooper'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor