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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Proclamation

Declaration of Vote on Initiated Measure

Declaration of Vote on Amendment 71 – an amendment to Article V and Article XIX of the Colorado Constitution relating to requirements for constitutional amendments.

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 71.

I. Background and Need

Amendment 71 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, and that Amendment 71 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 71): Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution making it more difficult to amend the Colorado constitution by requiring that any petition for a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment be signed by at least two percent of

the registered electors who reside in each state senate district for the amendment to be placed on the ballot and increasing the percentage of votes needed to pass any proposed constitutional amendment from a majority to at least fifty-five percent of the votes cast, unless the proposed constitutional amendment only repeals, in whole or in part, any provision of the constitution?

Yes – 1,476,948 (55.69 percent)

No – 1,175,324 (44.31 percent)



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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'John W. Hickenlooper'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name and title.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor