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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending the Availability of Existing Funds and Providing Additional Funding for the Highway 13 Fire

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, Governor John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending the availability of funds and providing additional funds to pay for costs associated with the disaster emergency due to the October 2012 Highway 13 Fire.

I. Background and Purpose

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

In October 2012, the Highway 13 Fire ignited in Garfield County, approximately fourteen miles north of the community of Rifle and near Highway 13. On October 3, 2012, Garfield County requested transfer of the fire to the State of Colorado under the Emergency Fire Fund provisions. The State accepted the Highway 13 Fire as a Disaster Emergency Fund-designated fire.

This Office declared a disaster emergency due to the Highway 13 Fire in Executive Order D 2012-041. In that Executive Order, I transferred \$150,000 to the Disaster Emergency Fund from the General Fund and encumbered those funds for fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts in connection with the Highway 13 Fire. Pursuant to Executive Order D 2012-041, the funds were available until April 2014.

As recovery efforts progressed, the Colorado Department of Public Safety determined that it required additional time and resources to address sufficiently the impacts of the Highway 13 Fire. Accordingly, the Department of Public Safety has requested an additional \$33,699 to assist with the recovery efforts and requested that funds be available through December 31, 2016. Finding good

cause, I hereby make the following declarations and directives relating to the funding of the Highway 13 recovery efforts.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. I hereby encumber an additional \$33,699 in the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts related to the Highway 13 Fire. I also extend the funding in the Disaster Emergency Fund provided in paragraph II(C) of Executive Order D 2012-041 until December 31, 2016 to facilitate final payments of the expenses associated with the Highway 13 Fire. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are authorized and directed to allocate the funding to the appropriate resources as may be appropriate and permitted by law.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from its date of signature unless extended further by Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this seventeenth day of
February 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor