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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order D 2017 002 to Extend the Availability of Existing Funds for the Highway 13 Fire in Garfield County

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order D 2017 002 to extend the availability of existing funds for recovery from the Highway 13 Fire in Garfield County (“Highway 13 Fire”).

I. Background and Purpose

The Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the State and people presented by disasters. C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704(1). 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).

On October 3, 2012, the Highway 13 Fire ignited near Highway 13 in Garfield County, approximately fourteen miles north of the community of Rifle. The fire posed a threat to homes and critical infrastructure. By Executive Order D 2012 041, the Highway 13 Fire was declared a disaster emergency and designated a Disaster Emergency Fund fire for the purposes of C.R.S. §§ 24-33.5-701 and 24-33.5-705. Pursuant to Executive Order D 2012 041, I authorized the encumbrance of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for fire suppression efforts until April 2014.

Subsequent to Executive Order D 2012 041, the Colorado Department of Public Safety (“CDPS”) determined that it required additional time beyond April 2014 and additional resources beyond one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to sufficiently address the impacts of the Highway 13 Fire. Accordingly, CDPS requested an additional thirty-three thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$33,699) and an extension of the availability of all existing funds through December 31, 2016. Finding good cause, I granted CDPS’s request by Executive Order D 2017 002, extending the availability of all funds until December 31, 2016, and encumbering an additional thirty-three thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$33,699) in the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for further efforts to combat the effects of the Highway 13 Fire.

CDPS requires additional time to finalize expenses and process final payments for the Highway 13 Fire. Accordingly, I hereby make the following amendments to Executive Order D 2017 002.

II. Amendment

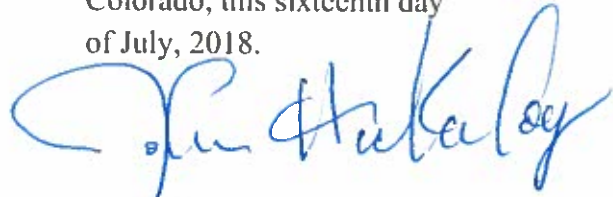
Section II(A) of Executive Order D 2017 002 (which itself amended Executive Order D 2012 041) is amended to read as follows:

I hereby encumber an additional thirty-three thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$33,699) in the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts related to the Highway 13 Fire. Such funds are to be available until December 31, 2018. I also extend the funding in the Disaster Emergency Fund provided in paragraph II(C) of Executive Order D 2012 041 until December 31, 2018, 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 remain in effect until rescinded or modified by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2017 002 and Executive Order D 2012 041 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this sixteenth day
of July, 2018.



John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

