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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Activating the Colorado National Guard to Assist with the 59th Presidential Inauguration

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 28-3-104, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order activating those members of the Colorado National Guard deemed necessary by the Adjutant General of Colorado to assist with the 59th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

I. Background and Purpose

The peaceful transition of power between Presidential administrations is a hallmark of our Nation. The men and women of the Colorado National Guard are being called upon to assist in the transition of this power at the 59th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

The United States Secretary of Homeland Security has designated the 59th Presidential Inauguration a National Special Security Event. This designation has allowed the United States Secretary of Defense to authorize use of federal funds for security-related purposes during the 59th Presidential Inauguration, including funding the activation of Colorado National Guard personnel.

The National Guard Bureau and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard have requested that the Colorado National Guard provide personnel to support the 59th Presidential Inauguration. By activating those members of the Colorado National Guard deemed necessary by the Adjutant General of Colorado, the National Guard will support the DCNG and the National Capital Region with the forces required to safely conduct the inauguration.

II. Declarations and Directives

- A. On January 13, 2021, the Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG) requested support from the Colorado National Guard for the 59th Presidential Inauguration. The DCNG has made a similar request to numerous states. The United States Secretary of Homeland Security has designated the 59th Presidential Inauguration a National Special Security Event.
- B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 28-3-104, the Governor shall be the commander in chief of the military forces and may employ the Colorado National Guard for service in a

National Special Security Event. I hereby activate those members of the Colorado National Guard deemed necessary by the Adjutant General of Colorado to assist with the 59th Inauguration of the President of the United States. The activation of the Colorado National Guard ordered pursuant to this Executive Order shall be limited to the authority and funding available pursuant to 32 U.S.C. § 502(f), and shall not be paid for with State funds.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire on January 31, 2021, unless extended further by Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourteenth day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor