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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Proclamation

Declaration of Vote on Proposition II - Tobacco and Nicotine Product Tax Revenue Measure

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado, and, in particular, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(4)(a) of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this proclamation declaring the vote on Proposition II.

I. Background and Purpose

Proposition II was referred to the people of the state at the coordinated election held on November 7, 2023. Secretary of State Jena Griswold certified on December 4, 2023 that she had canvassed the "Abstract of Votes Cast," and that the measure was approved by a majority of the votes cast.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 1(4)(a) of the Colorado Constitution, measures initiated or referred to the people of the state shall become law 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 of the following measure approved by the people on November 7, 2023:

Without raising taxes, may the state retain and spend revenues from taxes on cigarettes, tobacco, and other nicotine products and maintain tax rates on cigarettes, tobacco, and other nicotine products and use these revenues to invest twenty-three million six hundred fifty thousand dollars to enhance the voluntary Colorado preschool program and make it widely available for free instead of reducing these tax rates and refunding revenues to cigarette wholesalers, tobacco product distributors, nicotine products distributors, and

other taxpayers, for exceeding an estimate included in the ballot information booklet for proposition EE?

Yes - 1,130,047 (67.53 percent)

No - 543,405 (32.47 percent)



GIVEN under my hand
and the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this fifteenth
day of December 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jared Polis'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor