

WHEREAS, the War of 1812 was the first national war to threaten the very existence of the fledgling United States; and

WHEREAS, generations of Americans have take defended the inalienable rights of life and liberty that are embodied by the stars and stripes; and

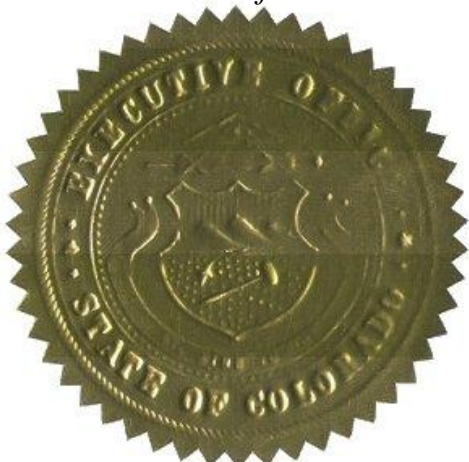
WHEREAS, Francis Scott Key, American patriot, witnessing the bombardment of the Fort and its staunch defense by American forces, was inspired to compose the epic poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" which was set to music and became our beloved National Anthem of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the General Society of the War of 1812, including the Colorado Society of the War of 1812, will convene at Fort McHenry in September in remembrance and celebration of our National Anthem and this key victory;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September, 14, 2014,

**THE BICENTENNIAL COMMERMORATION OF
THE STAR SPANGELED BANNER**

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this fourteenth day of September, 2014

John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor