



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Governor's Minority Business Awards is an honor bestowed upon for-profit, minority-owned businesses who have contributed to the economic diversity and success of minority communities in Colorado, and;

WHEREAS, businesses are awarded in four size categories (micro, small, medium and large) across four regions in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the 17 recipients represent 265 jobs across the state and millions in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, these winners represent all of Colorado - western slope, rural, and front range businesses; and

WHEREAS, the 85,800 minority-owned firms in Colorado account for 16.0% of all firms and generated \$13.5 billions in 2019; These firms increased by 43.9% exceeding the US rate of 38.1%. Women-owned firms reach over 195,000 and generate \$26.5 billion in revenue; women-owned businesses in Colorado increased 21.5%; meanwhile non-women-owned businesses decreased by 9%. veteran-owned firms generate \$17.3 billion in revenue and a portion of 13.1% are veteran women owned; and

WHEREAS, diversity and inclusion foster innovation and sustainability, and these minority, women and veteran-owned small businesses have a disproportionately positive impact, often times being a key driver of economic growth in some of Colorado's more disadvantaged rural and urban areas; and

*WHEREAS, these 17 companies are as follows by category - **Large Category:** St. Andrews Construction Services Corporation; Southeast Colorado Hospital District; JG Managements Systems, Inc. **Medium Category:** McQueen Hospitality LLC - DBA Mawa's Kitchen; Mexico City Lounge; From Skratch, LLC; Skyline Hospitality Inc.; Altitude Technologies, Inc. dba: Chinook Medical Gear. **Small Category:** Raices Brewing Company; Albuja Law, LLC; Pro-Safe Professional Linens, Inc. dba Pro-Safe Products. **Micro Category:** Project Hope of Mesa County; Manos Emprendedoras LLC; Juanita's Burritos; Good Life Girls, LLC. **Non-minority Category:** JZ Painting & Construction, LLC;*

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2020 as

GOVERNOR MINORITY BUSINESS AWARDS DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of December, 2020



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

Jared Polis
Governor