



WHEREAS, Tom Clark is a founding father of the nation's first regional economic development concept, which is recognized as a successful model across the country and which has been key to accelerating business attraction, retention, and growth in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Tom is a passionate coalition-builder who has been involved in some of our state's biggest deals and is often regarded as a true visionary...but we all know he just did those things to get gigs for his band, TC & The Destroyers!; and

WHEREAS, Tom was an early champion of our region's port and single largest economic driver, Denver International Airport, which is our connection to the rest of the globe; and

WHEREAS, Tom is singularly brilliant and has the uncanny ability to recall numbers and facts that mesmerize audiences across our state...unfortunately, he can't recall where he left his phone, coat, or laptop this morning; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, support of FasTracks has led to a multi-modal system that unifies the region, creates greater mobility, and increases transportation options; and

WHEREAS, Tom's youthful appearance has always made people ask: How does he stay so fit? But his coworkers know his secret: a Diet Coke and a couple of Butterfingers for lunch. Those afternoon speeches—when he's recalling the history of economic development in Colorado while he's experiencing a sugar high—can really be voluminous!; and

WHEREAS, Tom's belief that no major metropolitan region is complete without multiple major league sports teams, helped create the stadium district and led to the recruitment of seven professional sports teams; and

WHEREAS, did you know that Tom's godmother accidentally ran over his head with her car when he was a toddler playing in the family's driveway...which should now explain a lot about Tom!; and

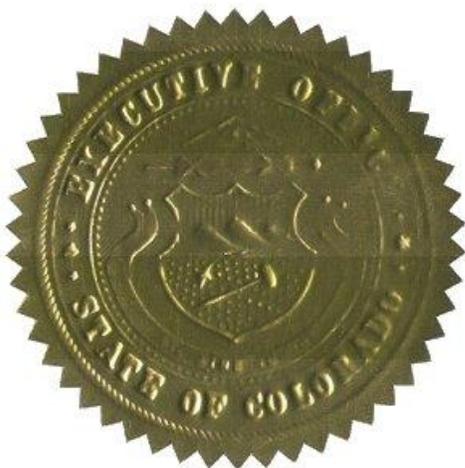
WHEREAS, Coloradans are today encouraged to recognize and celebrate Tom Clark for his significant and enduring contributions to the civic, economic, and cultural vitality of our state;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, March 23, 2017, as

TOM CLARK DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of March, 2017




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor