WHEREAS, Colorado has long been a crossroads for American Indian peoples and has a large, active American Indian population today; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center seeks to create community-based events and educational programs designed to enrich and celebrate diverse cultural heritage, increasing knowledge of, and respect for all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center is committed to protecting and making available to the community the artistic treasures of our American past, bringing together Colorado’s rich history and shared experiences with the Southwest, Spanish, Mexican, Native American, African American, and Early European cultures; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 18th Annual Tesoro Cultural Center Indian Market and Powwow, an event that has been an important part of bringing awareness to the American Indian culture and community for several decades; and

WHEREAS, award-winning Native American artists will display their wares and demonstrate their crafts in a juried art show, and a contest powwow will fill the valley below with competitions of Traditional, Shawl, Fancy, Grass, and Jingle dancing; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center Indian Market and Powwow preserves traditions and provides an opportunity to honor American Indians who serve in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and will honor Mr. Greg Phillips, member of the Omaha Tribe and a Desert Storm Veteran, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1983-1987 on the USS Nassau (LHS-4) in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center Indian Market and Powwow will include eagle and hawk demonstrations to educate the public about Native American culture;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between June 2, 2018 and June 3, 2018, as

TESORO CULTURAL CENTER INDIAN MARKET AND POWWOW DAYS

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this second day of June, 2018

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor