



WHEREAS, after completing his doctoral work at the University of Arizona, Dr. John Straayer joined the faculty of the Political Science Department at Colorado State University in 1967; and

WHEREAS, he would there rise to Associate Professor in 1971, Professor in 1974, and chaired the Department between 1972 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Straayer is one of the preeminent minds working in the area of local and state government, and his scholarship has advanced the body of knowledge in the field, bridged the divide between academics and policy, and served as an invaluable resource to several generations of scholars and practitioners; and

WHEREAS, since 1980, he has directed the University's legislative internship program, bringing interns to the State Capitol every Tuesday and Thursday for 15 weeks over Spring semester; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Straayer has travelled at least 137,640 miles between Fort Collins and Denver—and back to Fort Collins again where he careened over "Thrill Street" approximately 900 times—over the past 37 years, and placed more than 1,000 CSU seniors in legislative internships in both houses for both parties; and

WHEREAS, many of his students have since gone on to distinguish themselves in federal, state, and local government, including U.S. Senator Cory Gardner, former Governor Bill Ritter, State Senator Matt Jones, and State Senator Dan Nordberg; and

WHEREAS, fueled by a bottomless caldron of coffee and a unceasing supply of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Dr. Straayer has nurtured a generation of active minds and civically engaged citizens; and

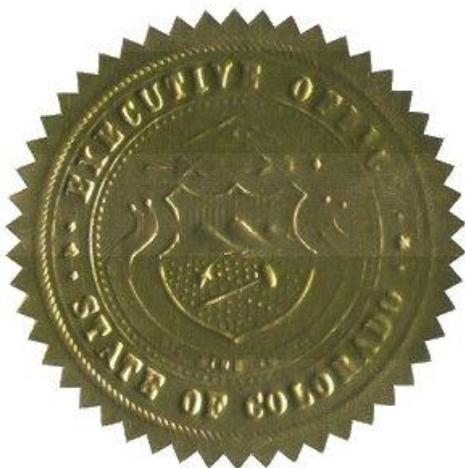
WHEREAS, Coloradans are today encouraged to recognize and celebrate Dr. Straayer for his significant and enduring contributions to the civic vitality of our state;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, April 27, 2017, as

JOHN STRAAYER DAY

in the State of Colorado.

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




John W. Hickenlooper
Governor