



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the world is facing the most significant health crisis in modern history due to COVID-19, which has caused a global economic downturn, impacting people and their ability to access health insurance; and

WHEREAS, to slow the spread of COVID-19, individual and community health can be improved dramatically by covering your mouth and nose, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing; and

WHEREAS, affordable, quality health insurance coverage ensures access to care and makes a material difference in the health and well-being of the people of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, access to health insurance is important because those without coverage are less likely to see a doctor when they become ill or for treatment of a chronic condition and forgo necessary care until their condition becomes intolerable; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010 to expand access to affordable, meaningful coverage to lower the number of uninsured people and improve overall population health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act, which ensures critical consumer protections, and expands coverage to millions of Americans, is instrumental in dramatically reducing the number of uninsured people from 46.8 million in 2010 to 29.2 million in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Connect for Health Colorado, established under the Affordable Care Act, provides access to affordable, quality coverage and care to Colorado residents, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, 196,762 individuals are enrolled through Connect for Health Colorado and 1,340,803 are enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program); and

WHEREAS, leaders from across America have joined to launch a national movement to help address the COVID-19 pandemic by helping people protect themselves and making sure everyone who can, enrolls in health care coverage;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado do hereby proclaim December 10, 2020 as

GET COVERED 2021 COLORADO DAY

in the State of Colorado.

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



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

Jared Polis
Governor