



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, apples are Colorado's largest fruit crop and apple growers help support local, state, and national economies, and represent a strong community passionate about producing high quality and wholesome apples; and*

*WHEREAS, apples have been an integral part of Colorado's agriculture since the 1800's and our orchard owners preserve traditional agricultural and production methods, participate in conservation efforts and foster land stewardship; and*

*WHEREAS, these apple growers produce dozens of apple varieties that are a part of our national and state heritage and are a significant part of a broader movement that focuses on sustainable production practices and farm-to-table distribution, connecting local producers with consumers; and*

*WHEREAS, apple orchards preserve open spaces, create community-based employment and provide opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and engage in family activities; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the contributions that our apple and fruit growers make by consistently meeting the demands of consumers in providing a wide variety of fresh, high quality and nutritious apples for consumers, retailers, and chefs in Colorado; we all benefit from access to a wide and varied selection of the highest quality, locally grown apples;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 1 – 7, 2012,*

### **COLORADO APPLE WEEK**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of October, 2012*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*

