

WHEREAS, Colorado SHIP is celebrating its 25th year of serving Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, more than 846,000 people in Colorado are enrolled in Medicare, many of whom need assistance in navigating the Medicare system; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) helps Medicare enrollees navigate the Medicare program by providing free, unbiased, and individualized information and counseling on Medicare and related insurances; and

WHEREAS, in the last seven years, Colorado SHIP volunteers and employees have provided one-on-one assistance to almost 175,000 Medicare consumers, family members, and community agency representatives; and

WHEREAS, Colorado SHIP also assists thousands of disabled Coloradans with Medicare issues and partners with hundreds of community partners; and

WHEREAS, Colorado SHIP has 17 locations statewide, and counselors have conducted 5,700 outreach events to help Coloradans access the benefits to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, SHIP counselors have helped Coloradans navigate changes to Medicare, including issues covering prescription drug coverage, health plans, Social Security, Medicaid, and other entitlement and benefit programs; and

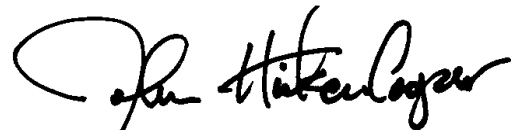
WHEREAS, SHIP counselors have shown tremendous devotion to providing quality services to the aging, to people with disabling conditions, to the low income, to the incapacitated, to the isolated, and to those confused by the complexity of the systems;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between October 15, 2017 and October 21, 2017, as

COLORADO SHIP WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this second day of October, 2017


John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

