

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, every year, nearly 34,000 Coloradans are diagnosed with sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection that can result in organ failure, amputation, and death; and*

*WHEREAS, sepsis kills more than 2,600 Coloradans each year and takes more lives nationally than prostate cancer, breast cancer, and AIDS combined; and*

*WHEREAS, as many as 92% of sepsis cases originate in the community, including everyday occurrences such as a cut or mosquito bite that becomes infected, urinary tract infections, or the flu; and*

*WHEREAS, appropriate use of antibiotics in the treatment of infection not only helps to prevent sepsis from developing but is also a key component of effective long-range use of antibiotics; and*

*WHEREAS, early recognition of sepsis symptoms along with prompt medical treatment is effective in dramatically improving the outcomes for patients, however many Coloradans cannot correctly identify the signs of sepsis; and*

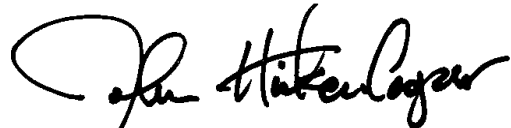
*WHEREAS, recognition of Sepsis Awareness Month will assist in raising awareness on this treatable condition, and educating the public about sepsis and its symptoms;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, September 2018, as*

### **SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of September, 2018*

  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

