



*WHEREAS, trenching and excavation work are hazardous construction operations performed by many Coloradans every day; and*

*WHEREAS, construction employers and employees who work in trenching and excavation need continuous access to education and training in identifying hazards associated with these activities; and*

*WHEREAS, trench collapse deaths are easily preventable with proper shielding, shoring, sloping, and training; and*

*WHEREAS, despite increased training and hazard identification, recent national statistics on trench injuries and deaths show an alarming increase, and in 2016, the United States Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reported that trench injuries and deaths were nearly double the average of the previous five years; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), has created an annual week to focus on education and training in trenching and excavating hazard awareness known as the "Trench Safety Stand Down" that is approved by OSHA and sponsored by the North American Excavation and Shoring Association.*

*Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, the period between June 15, 2020 and June 19, 2020 as,*

## ***TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN WEEK***

*in the State of Colorado.*

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

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Jared Polis.

*Jared Polis*  
Governor