



Proclamation

WHEREAS, telemark skiing is often referred to as “the world’s oldest new sport”, it began in the mid 1800s in the Telemark region of Norway. Telemark skiing utilizes flexible boots that are attached to the skis at the toes but not the heels, and the turn is characterized by the inside foot dropping back with heel raised and the corresponding knee bending toward the ground (much like a lunge); and

WHEREAS, telemark skiing, snowboarding, skiing, and other outdoor recreational activities contributes over \$10 billion annually to Colorado’s economy, supports over 107,000 jobs, generates \$500 million in annual state tax revenue, and accounts for 4% of gross state product; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home to the United States Olympic Committee, world renowned athletic training facilities, over 35 skiing areas, and a natural environment unlike any other in the world, all of which contribute to attracting and growing world class athletes; and

WHEREAS, Colorado host some of the biggest winter competitions in the world including the Telemark World Cup, in Steamboat Springs; and

WHEREAS, members and supporters of the United States Telemark Ski Team are working hard to add telemark skiing to the list of sports represented at the Olympic Games;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2012,

TELEMARK SKIING DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-sixth day of November, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

*John W. Hickenlooper
Governor*

