

WHEREAS, IAALS is marking 10 years of work to improve America's legal system and reestablish it as the aspirational model for justice globally, grounded in the recognition that a trusted and trustworthy legal system is essential to our democracy, our economy, and our freedom; and

WHEREAS, IAALS is driving collaboration among law schools and the legal profession to pursue reform in legal education so that entry-level lawyers have the foundations necessary to succeed and best serve clients upon entering the practice; and

WHEREAS, IAALS partners with retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as her legacy project to ensure the ways we choose, evaluate, and retain judges in America balance the need for fair and impartial courts with the need for public accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, IAALS is creating momentum for rules and culture change at both the state and federal levels, and is providing much-needed education and recommendations for judges and courts to make the legal process function better; and

WHEREAS, IAALS is providing a voice for litigants without lawyers and working with family courts to improve litigants' experiences as well as transforming the adversarial nature of divorce by providing families with an alternative model that prioritizes the wellbeing of children; and

WHEREAS, IAALS has assisted state legislators and governors with judicial selection and evaluation models that focus on having an independent, apolitical, and accountable judiciary; and

WHEREAS, IAALS recognizes that while it may be a quixotic journey, its staff, founders, partners, and advisors battle the windmills on the way toward making America's legal system just, impartial, and responsive to the people it serves;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, April 21, 2016, as

## INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM DAY

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-first day of April, 2016

John W. Hickenlooper

Governor