



Proclamation

WHEREAS, landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, design, planning, management, and stewardship of the national and built environment; and

WHEREAS, The State of Colorado and its citizenry benefit from the licensed practice of landscape architecture, assuring the design of healthy, equitable, safe and resilient public and private outdoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects, as licensed professionals, are responsible for protecting public health by creating accessible spaces such as public plazas, parks, campuses, residential common areas, recreational facilities, and trails that lead to active lifestyles and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects, as licensed professionals, are responsible for protecting public safety by applying land design skills, technical knowledge, and conservation techniques that ensure the safety of individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects, as licensed professionals, are responsible for protecting public welfare through the purposeful design of public and private spaces that provide economic, social, and environmental benefits for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are licensed in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, landscape architect licenses are issued by the Colorado Board of Landscape Architects to those who have met the specified education, examination, and experience requirements necessary for protecting public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects believe in and prioritize the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, national origin, education level, or income with regard to the development and implementation of public designs and plans; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects promote security and safety through transportation design and planning of multi-use transportation corridors that accommodate all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, people with disabilities, and people who use public transportation; while also protecting sidewalks, public plazas, and other vulnerable outdoor areas from potential attackers and security threats; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are leaders in creating resilient and green infrastructure designs addressing erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, and strategies to mitigate the effects of flood waters, thus allowing communities to better withstand and respond to severe weather events and lessening the need for state and local funds and resources in disaster recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) knowledge is at the core of the professional practice of landscape architecture and informs landscape architects as innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve the most pressing challenges facing Colorado communities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's economy benefits from licensed landscape architects through the creation of inviting and safe spaces for the public, residents, and tourists alike, while simultaneously protecting the environment and associated ecological systems; and

WHEREAS, there are more than one thousand individuals licensed to practice landscape architecture in Colorado, including 833 Colorado residents; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado Denver's Master of Landscape Architecture program and Colorado State University's Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture program, are accredited landscape architecture programs, catalyzing students to be the next generation of leaders and innovators in landscape architecture in Colorado;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of April, 2023



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor