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 more than one thousand individuals licensed to practice landscape architecture in Colorado, including 790 Colorado residents who design healthy, equitable, safe and resilient public and private outdoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects, as licensed professionals, help protect public health, by creating accessible spaces; protecting public safety, by applying land design skills and conservation techniques; and prioritize the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, national origin, education level, or income; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects promote security and safety of multi-use transportation corridors that accommodate all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, people with disabilities, and people who use public transportation; 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 landscape architecture and informs landscape architects as innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve 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, 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 April 2021 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, 2021

Jared Polis
Governor