



WHEREAS, assistive technology is any item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the term "assistive technology service" means any service that directly assists an individual with a disability or an older adult in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device; and

WHEREAS, assistive technology allows individuals with disabilities and older adults to be included in their communities and in inclusive classrooms and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, assistive technology devices and services are necessities, not luxury items, for millions of individuals with disabilities and older adults, without which they would be unable to live in their communities, access education, or obtain, retain, and advance gainful, competitive, integrated employment; and

WHEREAS, the availability of assistive technology in the workplace promotes economic self-sufficiency, enhances work participation, and is critical to the employment of individuals with disabilities and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Assistive Technology Program of Colorado provides services that include reutilization and short-term loans of assistive technology devices; demonstration of devices to inform consumer decision making; and financing activities to help individuals purchase or obtain assistive technology through a variety of initiatives; and

WHEREAS, assistive technology plays an important role in fulfilling the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act by enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and increasing access to educational and employment opportunities alongside their peers without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Assistive Technology Program of Colorado has provided assistive technology equipment, expert guidance, and support services to Coloradans for 37 years;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between April 20 and April 24, 2026, as

COLORADO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twentieth day of April, 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor