



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Spellbinders was founded in Denver in 1990; and*

*WHEREAS, for the last 25 years, Spellbinders oral storytellers have shared the art and joy of oral storytelling with Colorado students, reaching more than 65,000 each year with the art of storytelling; and*

*WHEREAS, Spellbinders is dedicated to restoring the art of oral storytelling to connect elders to youth, weaving together the wisdom of diverse cultures throughout time; and*

*WHEREAS, Spellbinders oral storytellers are volunteers who embrace the power of stories; and*

*WHEREAS, Spellbinders oral storytellers are committed to enhancing literacy, encouraging character development, and building intergenerational community through oral storytelling; and*

*WHEREAS, Spellbinders oral storytellers share the wisdom, values, humor, and sense of community embodied in stories of all cultures throughout time; and*

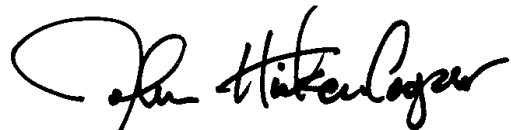
*WHEREAS, to celebrate 25 years of service, Spellbinders will attempt to set a new world record for the longest continuous storytelling event by a group of seniors on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Union Station in Denver, and will also sponsor 25 days of storytelling events across Colorado during October;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, October 2015, as*

### **SPELLBINDERS ORAL STORYTELLING MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of October, 2015*

  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor

