



*WHEREAS, David Merage has been selected to receive the 2013 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, an award given to U.S. immigrants and native-born citizens who have made substantial contributions to American society; and*

*WHEREAS, this prestigious award pays homage to the immigrant experience and tribute to the ancestry groups that comprise America's cultural mosaic; and*

*WHEREAS, receiving the award on May 11, 2013, David will join the ranks of distinguished medalists, including six United States presidents, Nobel Prize winners, and the leaders of industries, education, the arts, and sports; and*

*WHEREAS, we congratulate David and wish him our best, both now and in the years to come;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2013, as*

**DAVID MERAGE DAY**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eleventh day of May, 2013*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*

