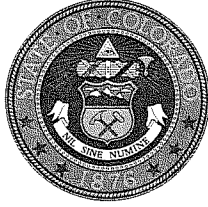


Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

50th ANIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR GENETIC RESOURCES PRESERVATION

August 20, 2008

WHEREAS, the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation is part of the United States Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Research Service and is located at Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation maintains the genetic diversity of the world's crops and livestock as living germplasm that is distributed around the world to fight hunger, improve nutrition, reduce pesticide use, and restore ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, since 1958, the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation has made major strides in technology, keeping germplasm alive by introducing freezer and cryogenic storage of plant germplasm to the world, and finding new ways to capture and preserve the genetic diversity of crops and livestock; and

WHEREAS, the scientists of the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation are world leaders in developing and implementing important tools in the area of germplasm and share this information with other genebanks everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation is an important institution for Colorado and the world;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2008, in honor of the

50th ANIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR GENETIC RESOURCES PRESERVATION

in the State of Colorado.



*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of Colorado,
this fifteenth day of August, 2008*

Bill Ritter Jr.

*Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor*