



Dear Colorado nonprofit employees, board members, and volunteers:

Colorado nonprofit organizations are vital to our citizens, providing essential services and opportunities throughout the state, thereby assuring a brighter future for all Colorado communities. Colorado is fortunate to have numerous nonprofits that direct time, effort and money to support a diversity of interests and goals. We applaud the Colorado Nonprofit Association and the Colorado nonprofit community for developing these *Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado* to help each nonprofit achieve excellence in pursuing its particular mission.

As the entities responsible for regulating charities and nonprofits in Colorado, we appreciate the guidance provided in this publication. These *Principles and Practices* will serve as a valuable tool for nonprofits of all sizes as they work to strengthen and demonstrate transparency and accountability. Such standards can only enhance the public's trust in the Colorado nonprofit community.

We commend your service to the people of Colorado, and we hope these *Principles and Practices* prove a valuable resource to you in providing that service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John W. Suthers".

John W. Suthers
Attorney General

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Coffman".

Mike Coffman
Secretary of State

