Governor Polis Statement on Title 32 Extension

DENVER - Governor Polis has continued to advocate for the extension of the Colorado National Guard's deployment to help the State and local communities respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and today the White House announced the deployment would be extended until December 31, 2020. Earlier this year, Gov. Polis <u>urged</u> the President to continue to extend the deployment.

"I spoke to Vice President Mike Pence this weekend about the amazing and selfless work the National Guard is doing supporting testing in Colorado's local communities and explained how we need their help through the end of the year. I am glad that today the administration acted to extend the National Guard until the end of 2020," said Governor Polis.

Last week, the Colorado National Guard reached a testing <u>milestone</u> in support of the State's ongoing COVID-19 testing across Colorado. The Joint Task Force-Centennial's Task Force Test Support has tested more than 20,000 Coloradans at 122 testing sites in 28 counties and 34 cities.

As an Executive Committee member, Gov. Polis also <u>supported</u> a call by the National Governor's Association today strongly urging the President to authorize an extension of Title 32. In May, the Governor's <u>urged</u> the President to continue to extend the use of Title 32 as part of COVID-19 recovery.