



COLORADO
Governor Jared Polis

June 8, 2024

Queer Asterisk
1575 N Franklin Street
Denver, CO 80218

Dear Queer Asterisk,

As the Governor of Colorado, it gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations on your 8th year as a non-profit offering queer and gender-affirming mental health services to Coloradans.

Since 2016, Queer Asterisk has offered identity-affirming counseling to 3,500 Coloradans securing public and private support to ensure equitable access for LGBTQIA+ individuals of all ages. Founded by Naropa University graduates, Queer Asterisk is rooted in mindfulness and promotes authentic self-expression, healing, and growth in a community setting. Your commitment to these values is admirable.

In response to increased demand since COVID-19, you delivered 10,700 therapy hours to 1,000 people in 2023, regardless of their ability to pay. Queer Asterisk has also leveraged Colorado's supportive environment to guide individuals and families relocating to the state. By offering community programs, professional development opportunities, and educational training for our health and education systems, you affirm our state's commitment to supporting mental health in our communities.

Again, congratulations on your 8th year supporting Coloradans. I wish you great success with your future academic and professional endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor