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Greetings:

On behalf of the City and County of Denver, it is an honor to share several of Denver's greatest culinary treasures with the rest of the nation. FIVE is an ideal showcase for the diverse talents, tastes and traditions that make up Denver's flourishing culinary scene and have made ours a truly world-class city.

Denver began as a proud city of the American West. Yet over the decades the city has evolved to become a global destination for business, entertainment, sports and more. Whether visitors come for commerce in the Denver area or fresh powder in the mountains, we remain one of the most business- and tourist-friendly cities in the country.

Now, we have the unique opportunity to give the nation a taste of Denver's unique cuisine in one of the world's most prestigious culinary forums, The Beard House in New York City.

While remaining loyal to our past, the Denver chefs featured in FIVE welcome influences from around the world, incorporating flavors from the Pacific Rim, Latin America, Europe and beyond into exquisitely crafted cuisine that offers the rest of the country a taste of what makes Denver unique.

It would be a disservice to keep these chefs a secret any longer. We're proud of their accomplishments and what they represent: a city that has, culturally and culinarily speaking, come into its own.

With great pleasure and pride, we endorse FIVE and wish the participating chefs - Matt Selby, Troy Guard, Goose Sorensen, Keegan Gerhard and Tyler Wiard - all the best in this wonderful and delicious endeavor.

Sincerely,

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

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