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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-1016**

101      **CONCERNING THE REMEMBRANCE OF UTE HISTORY IN COLORADO,**  
102            **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, HONORING THE HERITAGE**  
103            **AND CULTURE OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE AND THE**  
104            **UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE.**

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1            WHEREAS, The original inhabitants of North America, American  
2            Indians, have played a unique and distinguished role in our nation's  
3            history and culture through vital contributions to government, medicine,  
4            education, religion, architecture, environment, and the military; and

5            WHEREAS, The Ute Tribes are a confederation of seven bands:  
6            Mouache, Capote, Weeminuche, Tabeguache, White River, Yampa, and  
7            Uintah bands that make up three Ute Tribal nations today; and

8            WHEREAS, The State of Colorado recognizes its oldest,

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SENATE  
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1 continuous residents--the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Ignacio, Colorado,  
2 and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of Towaoc, Colorado; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado continues to support the two  
4 Colorado Ute Tribes in their own efforts to increase public safety,  
5 education, health care, and economic development on their reservations  
6 while strengthening the State/Tribal government-to-government  
7 relationship; and

8 WHEREAS, The Ute Tribes, History Colorado Center, and the  
9 Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs established a precedent setting  
10 state burial protocol that addresses cultural sensitivities and awareness  
11 when dealing with Native American human remains found on state and  
12 private lands in Colorado; and

13 WHEREAS, Today the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern  
14 Ute Indian Tribe are the largest employers in Montezuma, La Plata, and  
15 Archuleta counties along with holdings on the eastern slope of Colorado  
16 and throughout the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado honors the contributions and  
18 sovereignty of both the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute  
19 Indian Tribe and encourages its citizens to actively seek knowledge about  
20 the history and heritage of the Ute people in this state, past, present, and  
21 future; now, therefore,

22 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*  
23 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

24 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, celebrate and  
25 honor the rich and storied heritage of the Ute people who have called  
26 Colorado and its neighboring states home since time immemorial; and

27 (2) That we endeavor to maintain strong, respectful relations  
28 between Colorado's state and local governments and the sovereign Indian  
29 nations with whom we share this state.

30 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
31 to Governor John Hickenlooper, Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia,  
32 Chairman Manuel Heart, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Chairman Clement  
33 Frost, Southern Ute Indian Tribe.