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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-1016

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 12, 2016, AS A DAY TO  
102 CELEBRATE COLORADO'S PUREBRED DOGS.

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1 WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are bred to maintain specific breed  
2 characteristics, which makes a breed's temperament and behavior more  
3 predictable, from barking to retrieving to protecting to friendliness with  
4 strangers; and

5 WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that  
6 created them, and every breed was developed with a purpose in mind; and

7 WHEREAS, Historically, these dogs have worked alongside their  
8 people and provided them companionship; and

9 WHEREAS, Today, the service of these breeds continues as they

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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1 work alongside humans and provide companionship beyond measure  
2 while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, therapy dogs, conservation  
3 dogs, livestock guardians, search-and-rescue dogs, earth dogs, police  
4 dogs, canine soldiers serving by the sides of our military men and women,  
5 and ultimately guardians of family, home, and hearth; and

6 WHEREAS, Purebred dogs have been of enormous help to  
7 medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases,  
8 playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine  
9 genomes, and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

10 WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are working dogs, serving as  
11 avalanche dogs, trackers and trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water  
12 rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters, and bird  
13 dogs, and always they are the heartbeat of a companion near and dear to  
14 humans; and

15 WHEREAS, All dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry,  
16 but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be  
17 cherished and preserved; and

18 WHEREAS, Each breed is indelibly etched in the history of the  
19 culture that created it just as surely as that culture's music, art, and  
20 language; now, therefore,

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

23 That we, the members of the General Assembly, on April 12, 2016,  
24 proudly recognize and celebrate Colorado's purebred dogs and the many  
25 service and companion benefits they provide in Colorado.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
27 to the Honorable Governor John Hickenlooper; Colorado Commissioner  
28 of Agriculture Don Brown; the members of Colorado's congressional  
29 delegation; Sheila Goffe, Director of Government Relations for the  
30 American Kennel Club; and the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs.