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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-003

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO 4-H DAY.**

1 WHEREAS, Succeeding generations of well-educated, concerned,
2 and involved youth are required to ensure that America has a competent
3 and innovative workforce, a cohesive social structure, an effective
4 education system, strong leadership, continued economic prosperity, and
5 healthy communities in the years to come; and

6 WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H Youth Development program is
7 founded on the notion that youth are a vital resource for ensuring a better
8 tomorrow and that assisting youth as they prepare for the future is the 4-H
9 program's central mission; and

10 WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H program is an integral part of the
11 Colorado State University Extension and is fundamental to the land-grant

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 university mission; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 110,000 Colorado youth, with the
3 guidance of nearly 12,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently
4 contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in such
5 subject areas as workforce preparation and career exploration, leadership
6 and volunteerism, character and ethics, food and nutrition, agriculture and
7 natural resources, conservation, consumer decision-making, veterinary
8 medicine, animal sciences, and public speaking, to name just a few; and

9 WHEREAS, The 4-H emblem, a green, four-leaf clover with a
10 white "H" on each leaf, represents the characteristics each 4-H participant
11 develops: Head, which involves thinking, making decisions, and learning
12 new things; Heart, which entails caring about other people, accepting
13 responsibility, and developing positive values; Hands, which symbolizes
14 community service and the effort to acquire and perfect new skills; and
15 Health, which involves protecting the well-being of the self and others;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns \$45 million annually to the
18 Colorado economy, plus \$31 million in added value of volunteer time
19 contributions, resulting in a ten-fold return on investment over the cost to
20 conduct the program; and

21 WHEREAS, An eight-year longitudinal study of positive youth
22 development recently completed by Tufts University demonstrates that
23 4-H members are:

- 24 ! Less likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as drinking,
25 smoking, and drug use;
- 26 ! Twice as likely to go to college;
- 27 ! Three times more likely to delay sexual activity by grade
28 12;
- 29 ! Twice as likely to exercise and be physically active; and
- 30 ! Three times more likely to contribute in their communities
31 than their non-4-H peers; and

32 WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth
33 from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds between the ages of
34 5 and 19; now, therefore,

35 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
36 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

1 That the General Assembly:

2 (1) Salutes the Colorado 4-H program in its efforts to prepare
3 Colorado's youth for the future, providing a wealth of opportunities for
4 young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication
5 skills, as well as a host of other life skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning
6 environment;

7 (2) Commends the Colorado State University Extension for its
8 work in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;

9 (3) Recognizes the invaluable contribution of the thousands of
10 adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado
11 youth;

12 (4) Acknowledges the significant contribution of 4-H to the
13 Colorado economy;

14 (5) Encourages young people in Colorado to get a head start on
15 life by participating in 4-H activities; and

16 (6) Declares this day, January 24, 2014, "Colorado 4-H Day" in
17 recognition of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

18 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be
19 sent to Colorado's 4-H Program Leader and Youth Development
20 Programs Director, Jeff Goodwin of Fort Collins.