



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-003

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO 4-H DAY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the General Assembly:

- (1) Salutes the Colorado 4-H program in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future, providing a wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication skills, as well as a host of other life skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning environment;
- (2) Commends the Colorado State University Extension for its work in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;
- (3) Recognizes the invaluable contribution of the thousands of adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado youth;
- (4) Acknowledges the significant contribution of 4-H to the Colorado economy;
- (5) Encourages young people in Colorado to get a head start on life by participating in 4-H activities; and
- (6) Declares this day, January 24, 2014, "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

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

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