



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-005

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 23, 2015,
COLORADO 4-H DAY.

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 Colorado State University Extension and is fundamental to the land-grant university mission; and

WHEREAS, More than 100,000 Colorado youth, with the guidance of nearly 10,000 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, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns \$45 million annually to the Colorado economy, plus \$31 million in added value of volunteer time contribution 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;
- ! Two times more likely to go to college;
- ! Three times more likely to delay sexual activity by grade 12;
- ! Two times more likely to exercise and be physically active; and
- ! Three times more likely to contribute in their communities than their peers who are not 4-H members; 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 Seventieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

(1) That the General Assembly 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) That the General Assembly commends Colorado State University Extension for its work in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;

(3) That the General Assembly recognizes the invaluable contribution of the thousands of adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado youth;

(4) That the General Assembly encourages young people in Colorado to get a head start on life by participating in 4-H activities; and

(5) That the General Assembly hereby declares January 23, 2015, "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 Jeff Goodwin at the State 4-H Office at Colorado State University Extension.

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