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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-009**

101     **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 24, 2022, AS "COLORADO**  
102             **AGRICULTURE DAY".**

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1             WHEREAS, Americans enjoy the safest, most abundant, and most  
2 affordable food supply in the world, thanks largely to the efficiency and  
3 productivity of America's farm and ranch families; and

4             WHEREAS, The world must feed nearly 2 billion more people by  
5 2050, challenging farmers and ranchers to increase production of food,  
6 feed, fiber, and fuel by more than 50%; and

7             WHEREAS, Today, 98% of United States farms and ranches are  
8 operated by families, and each feeds an estimated 165 people annually,  
9 a dramatic increase from the 1960s, when each farmer could feed only 26  
10 people; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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HOUSE  
Final Reading  
March 25, 2022

SENATE  
Final Reading  
March 24, 2022

1           WHEREAS, Americans spend less than 8.6% of their annual  
2 income on food, less than any other developed nation, while American  
3 farmers and ranchers receive on average only about 14.3 cents of every  
4 dollar spent on food; and

5           WHEREAS, American farmers and ranchers are the most capable  
6 and responsible providers for the safety, health, and well-being of their  
7 livestock; and

8           WHEREAS, Agriculture ranks among the most important  
9 economic sectors in Colorado, supporting more than 195,000 jobs and  
10 generating an estimated \$47 billion of economic activity annually; and

11           WHEREAS, Exports of Colorado food and agricultural products  
12 have increased fourfold since 2000 and reached an all-time high of \$2.36  
13 billion in 2021; and

14           WHEREAS, Colorado agriculture contributes to national security  
15 not only by providing food and fiber, but also by producing energy; and

16           WHEREAS, Colorado recognizes and appreciates landowners  
17 whose livelihood depends upon the property they reside on, operate on,  
18 and care for as they work to provide basic necessities to all; and

19           WHEREAS, Leadership is vital to the viability of the agriculture  
20 industry, and participants in programs like Future Farmers of America,  
21 4-H, and the Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program help develop  
22 those leadership skills necessary to promote agriculture and educate urban  
23 populations on the importance of agriculture to the world; and

24           WHEREAS, Colorado's agriculture industry requires an adequate,  
25 reliable workforce in order to provide food from the field to the table; and

26           WHEREAS, Colorado's farms and ranches provide wildlife  
27 habitat, open space, and sites for innovative and sustainable farming  
28 practices that ensure the protection of state resources; and

29           WHEREAS, Colorado's agricultural and aquacultural producers  
30 provide a diverse and valuable array of livestock and crops, including  
31 cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, goats, bison, elk, poultry and eggs, dairy  
32 products, millet, field corn, sweet corn, hemp, quinoa, wheat, hay, chiles,

1 potatoes, barley, sorghum, sunflowers, dry beans, soybeans, onions,  
2 carrots, wine grapes, apples, cantaloupe, watermelon, peaches, numerous  
3 other fruits and vegetables, honey, greenhouse and nursery products, and  
4 fish; and

5 WHEREAS, Beyond food, feed, fiber, and fuel, farm products can  
6 be found in everyday items from medications to school supplies to  
7 musical instruments; and

8 WHEREAS, Colorado's agriculturists employ sound animal  
9 husbandry practices, ensuring that livestock remain healthy, productive,  
10 and content; and

11 WHEREAS, Colorado agriculture provides an estimated \$67.5  
12 million annually to support the state's wildlife; and

13 WHEREAS, Colorado's farmers and ranchers are innovative  
14 entrepreneurs and business leaders who remain resilient in their  
15 dedication to the continued prosperity of the state's agricultural economy;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The protection of private property and the rights of  
18 landowners who provide wholesome, safe food to Americans and others  
19 worldwide is essential; and

20 WHEREAS, Farmers and ranchers are critical to Colorado  
21 agritourism, welcoming tourists from around the world and showing them  
22 all Colorado has to offer; and

23 WHEREAS, Losing agricultural land and water to other uses will  
24 result in overall negative impacts to the state's economy and a loss of food  
25 production vital to all Coloradans; and

26 WHEREAS, The United States' national security is stronger  
27 because farmers and ranchers provide more than enough food to keep this  
28 country from depending on other nations for sustenance; and

29 WHEREAS, March 22, 2022, is "National Agriculture Day" and  
30 the Agriculture Council of America encourages everyone to celebrate  
31 Agriculture Day for an entire week; now, therefore,

32 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*

1 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring herein:*

3           That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, proudly  
4 recognize and designate March 24, 2022, to be "Colorado Agriculture  
5 Day" in celebration of the many men and women who strengthen the  
6 nation's agriculture industry; promote a safe, high-quality, and sustainable  
7 food supply; and protect consumers, the environment, and natural  
8 resources.

9           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
10 to the Honorable Governor Jared Polis, Colorado Commissioner of  
11 Agriculture Kate Greenberg, and the members of the Colorado  
12 congressional delegation.