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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1006

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

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

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

8 WHEREAS, More than 107,000 Colorado youth, with the
9 guidance of more than 11,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently
10 contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in
11 workforce preparation and career exploration through their 4-H projects
12 and activities; and

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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1 WHEREAS, 4-H grows young people who have essential life
2 skills like confidence, courage, resilience, and curiosity and who are
3 empowered and prepared for life today and tomorrow; and

4 WHEREAS, 4-H serves every county and parish in America
5 through a network of 110 land-grant universities and the Cooperative
6 Extension System with 3,000 offices nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, The 4-H organization is led by a unique
8 public-private partnership that includes National 4-H Council and the
9 National Institute of Food and Agriculture within the United States
10 Department of Agriculture; and

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

15 WHEREAS, A decade-long longitudinal study of positive youth
16 development showed that, compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H
17 programs are:
18 ● Four times more likely to make contributions to their
19 communities;
20 ● Two times more likely to be civically active;
21 ● Two times more likely to make healthier choices; and
22 ● Two times more likely to participate in science,
23 engineering, and computer technology programs during
24 out-of-school time; and

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

28 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
29 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*
30 *concurring herein:*

31 (1) That the General Assembly salutes the Colorado 4-H program
32 in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future by providing a
33 wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire decision-making,
34 leadership, and communication skills, as well as a host of other life skills,
35 in a hands-on, friendly learning environment;

1 (2) That the General Assembly commends Colorado State
2 University Extension for its work supporting the mission of the Colorado
3 4-H program;

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

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

9 (5) That the General Assembly hereby declares Monday, January
10 29, 2024, to be "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's
11 efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

12 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
13 to Governor Jared Polis and Colorado's Commissioner of Agriculture,
14 Kate Greenberg.