



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-1015

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**CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 1, 2015, AS
NATIONAL PUREBRED DOG DAY IN COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, There is currently no day set aside to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the purebred dog, and we wish to designate a day to expressly recognize those contributions; and

WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, Today, the service of these breeds continues as they work alongside humans and provide inestimable companionship while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earth dogs, police dogs, canine soldiers serving by the sides of our military men and women, and ultimately guardians of family, home, and hearth; and

WHEREAS, Purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes, and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are working dogs, serving as avalanche dogs, trackers and trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters, and bird dogs, and always they are the heartbeat of a companion near and dear to humans; and

WHEREAS, All dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, Each breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as that culture's music, art, and language; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the General Assembly, proudly recognize "National Purebred Dog Day" on May 1, 2015, in celebration of purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Honorable Governor John Hickenlooper; Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Don Brown; the members of Colorado's congressional delegation; Sheila Goffe, Director of Government Relations for the American Kennel Club; and the Colorado Kennel Club, Arapahoe Kennel Club, Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club, Colorado Springs Kennel Club, Grand Valley Kennel Club, Durango Kennel Club, Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club, Flatirons Kennel Club, Greeley Kennel Club, Inc., Metro

Mile Hi Kennel Club, Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado, Roaring Fork Kennel Club, Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc., Pikes Peak Herding Association, Continental Divide Herding Association, Rocky Mountain Earthdog Club, Longs Peak Dog Training Club, Mountain States Dog Training Club, Inc., Peak to Peak Working Dog Association of Colorado, Pikes Peak Obedience Club, Inc., and Sporting Dog Club of Colorado Springs.

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