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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-1019

101 **CONCERNING THE COMMEMORATION OF THE EL PASO COUNTY**
102 **MEDICAL SOCIETY AND THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE MEDICAL**
103 **RESERVE CORPS OF EL PASO COUNTY.**

1 WHEREAS, The El Paso County Medical Society Board of
2 Directors recognized the need to work with the entire community to
3 integrate all health care professionals into disaster planning for the
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, On September 12, 2001, the El Paso County Medical
6 Society formed the community task force Disaster Response for Health
7 in El Paso County, comprising more than 20 agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, The El Paso County Medical Society also sought to

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1 ensure the continuation of disaster planning by securing a grant from the
2 Department of Health and Human Services and formed the Medical
3 Reserve Corps of El Paso County, chartering it on September 30, 2003,
4 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization housed in the El Paso County Medical
5 Society Foundation; and

6 WHEREAS, The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso
7 County is to prepare nonhospital-based, medically-related personnel to
8 ensure the physical, medical, mental, and spiritual well-being of the
9 people and families of El Paso County in the event of a major disaster by
10 supplementing existing emergency medical services when a disaster
11 overwhelms those services; and

12 WHEREAS, El Paso County has endured two of the most
13 devastating fires in Colorado history within a one-year period: The 2012
14 Waldo Canyon fire, which killed two people, destroyed 347 homes, and
15 necessitated the evacuation of 32,000 people, and the 2013 Black Forest
16 fire, which killed two people, destroyed 486 homes, and displaced 41,000
17 residents; and

18 WHEREAS, The Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County had
19 prepared for this kind of emergency during a training exercise called "Up
20 in Smoke", in which participants practiced coordinating with local
21 emergency responders; and

22 WHEREAS, The Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County
23 responded within 45 minutes of being activated, for both the Waldo
24 Canyon fire and the Black Forest fire; and

25 WHEREAS, During and after both fires, volunteers from the
26 Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County provided medical and
27 behavioral health support at mass care shelters associated with the City
28 of Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management, the El Paso
29 County Department of Public Health, and the Pikes Peak chapter of the
30 American Red Cross; and

31 WHEREAS, The Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County
32 mobilized 88 volunteers who contributed 1,644 hours of service during
33 the Waldo Canyon fire and mobilized 56 volunteers who contributed 450
34 hours of service during the Black Forest fire; now, therefore,

35 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth*

1 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

2 That we, the members of the General Assembly, hereby:

3 (1) Recognize the forward thinking and planning undertaken by
4 the El Paso County Medical Society, its board of directors, and its 1,064
5 physician members, who train and prepare for disaster response; and

6 (2) Express our appreciation and gratitude to the Medical Reserve
7 Corps of El Paso County and its credentialed and trained volunteers, who
8 worked in close cooperation with emergency response agencies
9 throughout El Paso County and contributed more than 2,100 volunteer
10 hours supporting victims of the Colorado Waldo Canyon fire and the
11 Black Forest fire.

12 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
13 to Governor John Hickenlooper, the Mayor and City Council of Colorado
14 Springs, the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners, the El Paso
15 County Sheriff, the Colorado Medical Society, and the El Paso County
16 Medical Society.