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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-004

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 4 AS "MISSING**
102 **PERSONS DAY" IN COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of thousands of families are
2 faced with what President Ronald Reagan called "the stark terror of a
3 unique tragedy" — a missing family member; and

4 WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds, someone goes missing in America;
5 approximately 2,300 Americans are reported missing every day, and there
6 are as many as 90,000 active missing persons cases in the United States
7 at any given time; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2016, the FBI's National Crime Information Center
9 logged 647,435 missing person reports; by December 31, 2016, the FBI
10 reported 88,040 active missing persons in the United States, with almost

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1 half being juveniles under the age of 21; and

2 WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing from their families for
3 a number of devastating reasons: They run away or wander and become
4 lost; they disappear under circumstances indicating that their
5 disappearance may not have been voluntary; or they go missing under
6 suspicious circumstances, indicating that they may be in physical danger
7 or the victims of foul play; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2002, Colorado Governor Bill Owens signed
9 House Bill 02-1083, establishing the AMBER (America's Missing:
10 Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert program in Colorado; named after
11 nine-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and killed in Texas
12 in 1996; the program ensures that local law enforcement agencies can use
13 the Emergency Alert System in Colorado to broadcast information to alert
14 citizens of missing children; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully
16 recovered 800 children nationally; and

17 WHEREAS, For all the important work done to recover missing
18 children, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reported
19 on its website in 2016 that 465,676 missing child reports were made to
20 law enforcement in 2016, and the organization lists 84 missing Coloradan
21 children from every area of the state--though all disappeared from their
22 families when they were children, some have been missing for decades;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, While too many families grieve and hope for their
25 missing children, others are in search of their missing family members of
26 all ages; and

27 WHEREAS, According to the Alzheimer's Association, 6 in 10
28 people with Alzheimer's or dementia will wander and may become lost,
29 a frequent and frightening challenge for their caregivers and families; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2007, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed House
31 Bill 07-1005 into law, which expanded the Silver Alert program for
32 senior citizens to include people with developmental disabilities to
33 connect caretakers with law enforcement officials, who can use the reach
34 of the radio and television stations and other media to alert the
35 community; and

1 WHEREAS, The awareness of citizens, media, and law
2 enforcement, as well as their support, their efforts, and their search for
3 missing persons, must continue; and

4 WHEREAS, The public plays a critical role in the success of the
5 AMBER and Silver Alert programs; they become the eyes and the ears of
6 law enforcement and can be on the lookout for the missing person; and

7 WHEREAS, The common misconception that a person must be
8 absent for at least 24 hours before being legally classified as missing is
9 dangerous; when there is evidence of violence or of an unusual absence,
10 it is critical that an investigation begin promptly; and

11 WHEREAS, New advances in technology must be utilized and
12 made available to locate the missing; and

13 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is committed to the safety and
14 well-being of its citizens, both children and adults; and

15 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
16 will firmly embed the importance of missing persons and their families
17 and friends in our state calendar and will raise a level of awareness with
18 other cities and states that have already designated a Missing Persons
19 Day; and

20 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
21 offers a platform to plan events that will connect families with resources
22 to help identify and find their long-term missing loved ones; and

23 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
24 will ensure that the families and friends of the missing know that they are
25 not alone in this tragedy of uncertainties and lack of closure, which leads
26 to extreme suffering and long-lasting effects on the health, finances, and
27 relationships of those left behind; and

28 WHEREAS, Every missing person is someone's son or daughter,
29 father or mother, brother or sister, partner or friend, and every missing
30 person deserves to be searched for and found; now, therefore,

31 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly*
32 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

1 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the
2 epidemic of the missing in America as "The Silent Mass Disaster" and
3 empathize with the ongoing suffering of the families and friends of those
4 who are missing;

5 (2) That we recognize the importance of raising awareness of the
6 numbers of people who go missing in Colorado each year;

7 (3) That we applaud the committed efforts of families, law
8 enforcement agencies, and concerned citizens who work to locate missing
9 persons;

10 (4) That we encourage the continued support of worthy initiatives
11 and private and public programs to increase efforts to locate missing
12 persons;

13 (5) That we hereby designate February 4 of each year as Missing
14 Persons Day and support the goals and ideals of the day; and

15 (6) That we acknowledge the names, and the families, of the
16 Coloradans who are currently missing: Christopher Enoch Abeyta, Victor
17 Abeyta, Luis Acosta, Cesenas Adriel, Lorraine Aguilar-Highpipe, Dora
18 Alcaraz, Jorge Antonio Alcocer-Soto, Katherine Allen, Victor Alvarado,
19 Bryan D. Ambrose, Uvaldo Anaya, Keith R. Anderson, Isabella Annibal,
20 Tiannah Marie Annibal, Pauline Aragon, Cynthia L. Atterberry, Joaquin
21 David G. Aviles-Silva, Brandon Masaki Baker, Victoria Bakhtiari,
22 Alexandra Banda, Linda J. Barker, Gayla Jean Barnes, Katherine Sue
23 Barnum, Mario Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Kay Barrett, Tracy Jay Bastion,
24 Barbara Jean Baumann, Jermaine Bedford, Jr., Richard Beebe, Stephanie
25 Benitez, Angelaquic Cindy Benson, Pamela Sue Bera, David Gerard
26 Berger, Gloria Berreth, Casey S. Berry, Abby Blagg, Marie Ann Blee,
27 Robert Bockmann, Richard Eugene Boldman, Mark Allen Bonner, Lesley
28 Allan Border, Robert James Bowling, Arthur Brandes, William W.
29 Brennan, Lester Joseph Bright, Austin E. Bryant, Edward D. Bryant,
30 Colleen K. Burgess, Triniti Burrell, Sherry D. Bynum, Fred Cain, Dena
31 Angelique Candelario, Kristine D. Capps, Luis Eduardo Carbajal-Ardon,
32 Rocky Charles Carpenter, Christopher Kit Carson, Gregory John Carter,
33 Reyes Ismael Casanova-Molina, Timothy Case, Jennifer C.
34 Castro-Perdomo, Autumn Starr Cerenil, Kenneth Anthony Chacon, David
35 Chambers, Michael Chastain, Francisco Chavez, Lorenzo Deshawn
36 Chivers, Aldo Cid-Perez, Benjamin Dubreath Clark, Earl Tex Clark,
37 Randall Serrine Clark, Ray Collins, Christopher Michael Collyer, Martin

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8 Ebrecht, Caleb Elaayi, Somaya Abdul F. Elaayi, Roger John Ellison,
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10 Pauline Fajardo, Daniel Faust, Felicia Fellow, J.D. Ferguson, William P.
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12 Flores, Jeffrey Lee Fossum, Matthew Coleman Foxley, Christopher Lynn
13 Frazier, Hilga Marita Gallegos, Mary Angela Gallegos, Evaristo Galvan,
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17 Gray, Kimberly Diane Greene-Medina, Sean Ryan Gribble, John S.
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21 Evan Hawley, Jon Truscott Haynes, Mitchell Todd Hein, Paul Hemming,
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26 Lee James, Brian James, Russel Brian Jaramillo, Dorothy Loraine
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5 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
6 to Voices of Victims; Families of Homicide Victims and Missing
7 Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP); Colorado Victims for Justice; the Colorado
8 Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA); and the Colorado Bureau
9 of Investigation.