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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-005

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 23, 2015, COLORADO
102 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 that 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 100,000 Colorado youth, with the
9 guidance of nearly 10,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently
10 contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in such

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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SENATE
Final Reading
January 23, 2015

1 subject areas as workforce preparation and career exploration, leadership
2 and volunteerism, character and ethics, food and nutrition, agriculture and
3 natural resources, conservation, consumer decision-making, veterinary
4 medicine, animal sciences, and public speaking, just to name a few; and

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

9 WHEREAS, An eight-year longitudinal study of positive youth
10 development recently completed by Tufts University demonstrates that
11 4-H members are:

- 12 ! Less likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as drinking,
13 smoking, and drug use;
- 14 ! Two times more likely to go to college;
- 15 ! Three times more likely to delay sexual activity by grade
16 12;
- 17 ! Two times more likely to exercise and be physically active;
18 and
- 19 ! Three times more likely to contribute in their communities
20 than their peers who are not 4-H members; and

21 WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth
22 from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds between the ages of
23 5 and 19; now, therefore,

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

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

31 (2) That the General Assembly commends Colorado State
32 University Extension for its work in supporting the mission of the
33 Colorado 4-H program;

34 (3) That the General Assembly recognizes the invaluable
35 contribution of the thousands of adult volunteers whose efforts enhance

1 the 4-H experience for Colorado youth;

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

4 (5) That the General Assembly hereby declares January 23, 2015,
5 "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf
6 of Colorado's youth.

7 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be
8 sent to Jeff Goodwin at the State 4-H Office at Colorado State University
9 Extension.