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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-006

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

1 WHEREAS, While too many families grieve and hope for their
2 missing children, others are in search of their missing family members of
3 all ages; and

4 WHEREAS, The awareness of citizens, media, and law
5 enforcement, as well as their support, their efforts, and their search for
6 missing persons, must continue; and

7 WHEREAS, The public plays a critical role in the success of the
8 AMBER Alert program and other alert programs: They become the eyes
9 and ears of law enforcement and can be on the lookout for the missing
10 person; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 WHEREAS, The common misconception that a person must be
2 absent for at least 24 hours before being legally classified as missing is
3 dangerous. When there is evidence of violence or of an unusual absence,
4 it is critical that an investigation begin promptly.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
10 will firmly embed the importance of missing persons and their families
11 and friends in our state calendar and will raise a level of awareness with
12 other cities and states that have already designated a Missing Persons
13 Day; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of thousands of families are
18 faced with what President Ronald Reagan called "the stark terror of a
19 unique tragedy" -- a missing family member; and

20 WHEREAS, On January 10, 2020, the FBI reported 86,989 active
21 missing persons in the United States, with a large portion being juveniles
22 under the age of 21; and

23 WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing from their families for
24 a number of devastating reasons: They run away or wander and become
25 lost; they disappear under circumstances indicating that their
26 disappearance may not have been voluntary; or they go missing under
27 suspicious circumstances, indicating that they may be in physical danger
28 or the victims of foul play; and

29 WHEREAS, In 2002, Colorado Governor Bill Owens signed
30 House Bill 02-1083, establishing the AMBER (America's Missing:
31 Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert program in Colorado. Named after
32 nine-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and killed in Texas
33 in 1996, the program ensures that local law enforcement agencies can use

1 the Emergency Alert System in Colorado to broadcast information to alert
2 citizens of missing children.

3 WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully
4 recovered 977 children nationally and 61 due to the Wireless Emergency
5 Alert; and

6 WHEREAS, For all the important work done to recover missing
7 children, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children assisted
8 law enforcement and families in 2019 with more than 29,000 cases of
9 missing children nationwide, and the organization lists 155 active missing
10 child cases in Colorado with posters circulating on nearly 70 of those
11 cases. Even though all disappeared from their families when they were
12 children, some have been missing for decades.

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

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

21 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*
22 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
23 *concurring herein:*

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

28 (2) That we recognize the importance of raising awareness of the
29 number of people who go missing in Colorado each year;

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

33 (4) That we encourage the continued support of worthy initiatives

1 and private and public programs to increase efforts to locate missing
2 persons;

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

5 (6) That we acknowledge the names, and the families, of the
6 Coloradans who are currently missing: Christopher Enoch Abeyta, Victor
7 Abeyta, Terri Ackerman, Luis Acosta, Crystal Acosta, Marvin
8 Aguilar-Aguilar, Ryan Albert, Dora Alcaraz, Katherine Allen, Veronica
9 N. Alvarado-Carvajal, Tamara Alvidres, Daniela Jasmin Amaro, Bryan
10 D. Ambrose, Roger Blake Ampbell, Uvaldo Anaya, Keith R. Anderson,
11 Isabella Annibal, Tiannah Marie Annibal, Nathanie Antone, Pauline
12 Aragon, Zariyah Arellano, Keiyhana Armstrong, Gabriel Angel Arteaga,
13 Eric Ashby, Cynthia L. Atterberry, Donald Henry Atutis, Joaquin David
14 Aviles-Silva, Myriam Azila, Mark Manuel Baca, Gayle Katrina Baird,
15 Brandon Masaki Baker, Alexandra Banda, Isabella Andrea Barajas, Linda
16 J. Barker, Gayla Jean Barnes, Katherine Sue Barnum, Mario
17 Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Kay Barrett, Alondra Barron, Frank Bastil,
18 Tracy Jay Bastion, Barbara Jean Baumann, Richard Beebe, Stephanie
19 Benitez, Angela Cindy Benson, Pamela Sue Bera, David Gerard Berger,
20 Gloria Berreth, Casey S. Berry, Abby Blagg, Marie Ann Blee, Robert
21 Bockmann, Dwayne Bogan, Richard Eugene Boldman, Mark Allen
22 Bonner, Mohamed El Boukili, Robert James Bowling, Emma Grace
23 Brackett, Arthur Brandes, Luis Alberto Bravo-Gomez, William W.
24 Brennan, William Christopher Brown, Edward D. Bryant, Colleen K.
25 Burgess, Trinita Burrell, Sherry D. Bynum, Fred Cain, Dena Angelique
26 Candelario, Luis Eduardo Carbajal-Ardon, Rocky Charles Carpenter,
27 Gregory John Carter, Rafael Casanova-Ferrer, Reyes Ismael
28 Casanova-Molina, Timothy Case, Darisleidy Castillo, Brianna Castillo,
29 Abbigail Castro, Rosalinda Castro-Mendoza, Jennifer C. Castro-Perdomo,
30 Autumn Starr Cerenil, Kenneth Anthony Chacon, David Chambers,
31 Michael Chastain, Gladys Chilel-Romero, Lorenzo Deshawn Chivers,
32 Aldo Cid-Perez, John Cizek, Earl Tex Clark, Randall Sirrine Clark,
33 Benjamin Dubreath Clark, Tyrese Clark, Javon Classen, Derek Colburn,
34 Ray Collins, Ronald Compton, Martin Conley, Thomas Randal Cook,
35 Patricia Ann Cordova, Shaun Wayne Cordova, Reyna Correa, Jamie
36 Cortez, Jarad Richard Cox, Charlene M. Cramer, Julie L. Cunningham,
37 Amy Dabalos, Starlett Daily, Maurice Gordon Dametz, David G. Davis,
38 James Earl Dean, Julia R. Dearemt, Mary Marlene Deitz, Kenneth
39 Delgarmo, Fabian Delrosario, William Demerell, Dustin Douglas
40 Denhartog, Taylor Denivan, Alissia Minyon Dizard, Nonnie Ann Dotson,

1 Rex L. Douglas, Jennifer Anne Douglas, Stephanie Ann Drnovsek, Rick
2 Duffy, Charles Duke, Anthony James Dusek, Steve Robert Einspahr,
3 Somaya Abdul Elaayi, Caleb Elaayi, Bobby Dean Eldridge, Morgan Ellis,
4 Roger John Ellison, Bekime Elshani, Maria Emeterio, Dyani Encinas,
5 Omar Enriquez, Stephanie Enriquez-Bautista, Elba Evelyn
6 Espinoza-Romero, Eric Todd Ewing, Alex James Faucett, Daniel Faust
7 Felicia Fellow, J D Ferguson, Alvin Lee Finch, Eugene Francis Fish,
8 Stephanie Kay Fladgard, Jazlynn Flores, Analeighya Flores, Joselyn
9 Fonseca, Jeffrey Lee Fossum, Christopher Lynn Frazier, Christopher S.
10 French, Kimberly Michelle French, Sylvia Frens, Elwood G. Friesen,
11 Joseph Feri Fualau, Faith Kailani Gaines, Mary Angela Gallegos, Hilga
12 Marita Gallegos, Zaira Selene Gallegos Zavalo, Ailena Garcia, Andrea
13 Garcia, Ruby Garcia Escobedo, Stanley Owen Gardner, Shaida Ghaemi,
14 Etienne Giassivi, Deja Gleason, Phillip Gomez, Patricia Gonzalez, Jorge
15 Gonzalez, Monserrat Gonzalez, Marvin Josue Gonzales-Coello, Carlos
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18 Nicole Graves, Alector Gray, Benjamin Franklin Gray, Sean Ryan
19 Gribble, John S. Gruber, Jaelyn Gruenbaum, Anthony Guerra, Mercedes
20 Yoli Gunera-Gonzales, Patricia Ann Gutierrez, Rita Gutierrez-Garcia,
21 Ahava Haim, Norma Jean Halford, Prestlie Dean Hall, James Joseph
22 Hampton, Colleen Hope Hannan, Rylee Hope Hannan, Tommy Harrell,
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24 Hawley, Jon Truscott Haynes, Mitchell Todd Hein, Joseph Heinrich,
25 Ronda Henrichsen, Deborah Ann Heriford, Crystal Hermsen, Magdaly
26 Hernandez, Ana Meliani Hernandez, Stephanie Hernandez, Vanessa Hill,
27 Martin H. Hobson, Paul Richard Hodgden, Daniel Robert Holloway,
28 Nathaniel James Holmes, Daphne Ronette Hope, Theresa Lynn Hubbard,
29 Rusty Lane Hubbard, Michael B. Hunter, William Hurtado, Ian
30 Yong-Shik Husovsky, Sandra Ibeth-Oliveres, Alva Iglesias, Carl Leroy
31 Jackson, Douglas Wayne Jackson, Brian James, Ashley Lee James,
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33 Treavon Xavier Johnson, Jaylynn Juoni, Benjamin Clemens Kalina,
34 Rebecca Ann Kellison, Karelis Jiovanni Kentish, Seth Lyon Kienzle,
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36 Knuth, David Kramer, Madelina E. Kramer, Ronald Kuetemeier, Chad
37 Kugler, Araya S. Kuskie, Sir Ajaxtheodore Kuskie, Lori Lee Layman,
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39 Lehnerz, Silas Leighton, Charles Leighton, John Francis Lenihan, Andy
40 Joe Lepley, Patricia Ann Lilly, Noelle Limbaugh, Isaiah Lobato, Jennifer
41 Lynn Lockwood, Zyaire Long, Hector Marcelo Lopez, Jessica Lopez,
42 Jeremiah Lopez, Jaime Lopez-Arenas, Maria Elena Lopez-Orzuna,

1 Gerson A. Lopez-Ramos, Andrea Tatiana Lozano Alanis, Laurie Renee
2 Lucas, Johnny Lucero, Davyne Kailee Lucero, Hezekiah Luna, Dynessty
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7 Lynn McClees, Michael Jerry McClure, Beverly Joan McCool, Jaden
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9 Kimberly Diane Medina, Alejandro Medina, Carla Medina, Crystal
10 Medina, Albaro Medino, Linda Guadalupe Medrano, April Learose
11 Medrano, Juan Carlos Medrano Baldeon, Douglas Edward Meer,
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16 Daniel H. Miranda, John Miranda, Rudolf Moder, Justin Moder, Jose
17 Molina, Serenity Montoya, Brian Moore, Richard Ernest Mora, Richard
18 Kenneth Morgan, Lekiesha Morris, Lillian Celeste Morris, Shanti
19 Mountain Sage Motry, Anthony Steven Michael Moya, Saidi Muborama,
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26 Alan Osburn, Brian Oshaughnessy , Wyatt Sage Painter, Donald Palmer,
27 Michael Parsons, Julia Pastor-Raymunda, Aarshiya Patil, Jiaa Patil,
28 Sandra Kay Patterson, James Clinton Percy, Vanessa Perez, Gilberto
29 Perez-Cervantes, Berkley Perkins, Harmonie Danielle Perrone, Grayson
30 Perrone, Anneberlin Perrone, Mark Gerard Perugini, Tom Phifer, Tyler
31 Phillips, Robert T. Pillsen, Sonia Delapaz Pineda-Magana, Gary Pino,
32 Gerri Polk, Dustin Shane Poole, Lea Porter, Diana Judith Portillo,
33 Samantha Powell, Kingston Dior Powell, Eric Randolph Pracht, Michael
34 Preuit, Jacqueline Prieto, Alejandro Quinones-Zapaico, Celeste Ramirez,
35 Aura Marina Ramirez Chilel, Erendida Reza Ramos, Jose Luis
36 Rascon-Avila, Dolores Susan Raygoza, Dylan Nicholas Redwine, Keith
37 R. Reinhard, Kim Remmel, Mateo Renfro, Ivan Renteria, Ricci Reylolds,
38 Maurice Reynolds, Peggy Ann Reynolds, Ian Ashley Richardson, Sergio
39 Rios-Castillo, Blake Rivard, Greer Burgess Rivera, Richard Dean
40 Roberts, Nikolas James Roche, Omar Rodriguez, Arley V. Rodriguez,
41 Georgia Lee Rohner, Kimberly Rojo, Raniro Romo, Mayra
42 Romo-Hernandez, Martha Rye Rooks, Cynthia Jimena Roque, Aubrey

1 Caroline Sacco, Janae Salas, Mario Fernando Sanchez, Gabriell Sanchez,
2 Angelica Esperanza Sandoval, Rosa Santillan, Gianna Santistevan, Kail
3 Saylor, Kelsie Schelling, Douglass Schliske, Teresa Schmidt, James
4 Schomer, Brianna Schwartz, Robert Dwaine Scott, Jose Segura, Jessica
5 G. Shoemake, Roberto Silva-Perez, Nicole Evelyn Silvers, Gene Arnold
6 Simmons, Eddie Simmons, Ashley Simmons, Alyvia Celeste Simmons,
7 John Michael Simons, Sharon Grace Singh, Ronald David Sisneros, Paul
8 Carroll Skiba, Sarah Skiba, Toni Smedley, Shay Smith, Asanee Soithong,
9 Gabrielle Solano, Guy Lee Solano, Kimberli Solis-Fajardo, Gerald
10 Kenneth Sollenbarger, Guadalupe Sosa, Julie Shawn Stefanek, Angela
11 Stevens, Joy Denise Stewart, Lucas Stinchcomb, Lashaya N. Stine, Daryl
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13 Matthew Vincent Sueper, Clinton John Anthony Sutton, Patience Tailey,
14 Jeff Taylor, Ctormy Braaden Lawrenc Taylor, Guy Taylor, Yugui Daniela
15 Terraza, Lori Ann Thiel, Aarone Thompson, Alberto Torres, Martin
16 Torres-Hernandez, Nicholle Torrez, Angelo Trujillo, Daniel Trujillo,
17 Maria Trujillo, Shane Kelly Turner, Ligia Miranda Uribe-Ramos,
18 Michelle Ileana Uribe-Ramos, Migdali Urbina Cruz, Michelle Rae
19 Vanek, Brandi Marie Vardas, Janette Varela-Enriquez, Annysa Marysue
20 Vega, Sheranique Vejill-Roberts, Odell Vest, Denajsha Jaylynn Vialpano,
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23 Wallace, Larry Watts, Jonathan M. Wheby, James Raymond Whitaker,
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26 Renee Wisner, Timothy Dale Witt, Ronald Lee Jr. Wood, William J.
27 Worley, Robert William Wright, Cameron Wright Birch, Eric Maurilio
28 Xooc Puc, Claire Justine Yap, Dz You Ving Pu, Keven Lee York, Harold
29 Young, Bret Younger, Victoria Zamora, Rafael Zapata, and Leland Zook.

30 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
31 to Voices of Victims; Families of Homicide Victims and Missing
32 Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP); Colorado Victims for Justice; the Colorado
33 Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA); and the Colorado Bureau
34 of Investigation.