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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-006**

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

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

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

8             WHEREAS, As of December 31, 2023, the Federal Bureau of  
9     Investigation reported 96,955 active missing persons cases in the United  
10    States, with a large portion being juveniles under the age of 21; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
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1           WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing for a number of  
2 reasons: They run away or wander and become lost; they disappear under  
3 circumstances indicating that their disappearance may not have been  
4 voluntary; or they go missing under suspicious circumstances, indicating  
5 that they may be in physical danger or the victims of foul play; and

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

13           WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully  
14 recovered 1,161 children; and

15           WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Missing and  
16 Exploited Children, 359,094 missing child reports were made to law  
17 enforcement in 2022. The organization currently lists 58 missing children  
18 from Colorado, from every area of the state. While all disappeared from  
19 their families when they were children, some have been missing for  
20 decades; and

21           WHEREAS, Too many families grieve, hope, and continue to  
22 search for missing family members of all ages; and

23           WHEREAS, The awareness, support, and efforts of citizens,  
24 media, and law enforcement related to the search for missing persons  
25 must continue; and

26           WHEREAS, The public plays a critical role in the success of the  
27 AMBER and other alert programs. As the eyes and ears of law  
28 enforcement, they can be on the lookout for missing persons; and

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

33           WHEREAS, New advances in technology must be utilized and

1 made available to locate the missing; and

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

4 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado  
5 firmly embeds the importance of missing persons and their families and  
6 friends in our state calendar and may help raise awareness in cities and  
7 states that have not designated a Missing Persons Day; and

8 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado  
9 offers a platform to plan events that will connect families with resources  
10 to help identify and find their missing loved ones; and

11 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado  
12 ensures that the families and friends of the missing know that they are not  
13 alone in their tragedy, uncertainty, and lack of closure, which lead to  
14 long-lasting suffering and impacts on the health, finances, and  
15 relationships of those left behind; and

16 WHEREAS, Every missing person is someone's child, parent,  
17 sibling, partner, or friend, and every missing person deserves to be  
18 searched for and found; now, therefore,

19 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General*  
20 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*  
21 *concurring herein:*

22 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the  
23 epidemic of the missing in the United States as what the U.S. Department  
24 of Justice calls "The Silent Mass Disaster" and empathize with the  
25 ongoing suffering of the families and friends of those who are missing;

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

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

31 (4) That we encourage continued support of initiatives and private  
32 and public programs to increase efforts to locate missing persons;

1 (5) That we hereby continue to designate February 4 of each year  
2 as Missing Persons Day and support the goals and ideals of the day; and

3 (6) That we acknowledge the names and the families of the  
4 Coloradans who are currently missing: Christopher Enoch Abeyta, Victor  
5 Abeyta, Talia Ace-Montalvo, Joshua Ackerman, Terri Ackerman, Luis  
6 Acosta, Bryant Adams, Patricia A. Adams, Erika Patris Aguilar-Bargales,  
7 Kaleb Ahern, Joaquin Alarid, Dora Alcaraz, Emilio Alegria-Martinez,  
8 Falon Nicole Alexander, Abdulmalek Alkandari, Katherine Allen, Jepsi  
9 Amaga-Kallungi, Daniela Jasmin Amaro, Bryan D. Ambrose, Uvaldo  
10 Anaya, Keith R. Anderson, Isabella Annibal, Tiannah Marie Annibal,  
11 Beth Ann Aper, Nilson Omar Aquino Enamorado, Pauline Aragon,  
12 Kimberly Heidi Arciniega, Miranda Arellano, Samuel Arellano, Devon  
13 Ashley, Cynthia L. Atterberry, Lane Aurelius Springer, John Austin,  
14 Joaquin David Aviles-Silva, Eliaz Ayala, Amilcar Ba Sub, Gayle Katrina  
15 Baird, Adrian Barajas, Linda J. Barker, Gayla Jean Barnes, Katherine Sue  
16 Barnum, Mario Barraza-Murillo, Tracy Jay Bastion, Colleen Kay Barrett,  
17 Lauri Lynn Bath, Barbara Jean Bauman, Richard Beebe, Louis Michael  
18 Behlmann, Kimberly Bell, Mariah Benitez, Pamela Sue Bera, David  
19 Gerard Berger, Gloria Berreth, Casey Berry, Christopher Bidy, Abby  
20 Blagg, Michael Blair, Dulce Prisc Blanco Castellanos, Alexis  
21 Blasingime, Marie Ann Blee, Robert Bockmann, Richard Eugene  
22 Boldman, Kaileigh Noelani Rose Bonite, Mark Allen Bonner, Olivia  
23 Borrego, John Paul Borsheim, Brandon Lane Bowles, Robert James  
24 Bowling, Stacey Boyd, Arthur Brandes, William W. Brennan, Derek M.  
25 Brock, Deborah Brockway, Dawnshay Jovanique Brooks, Dominique  
26 Brown, Austin E. Bryant, Edward D. Bryant, David William Buck,  
27 Colleen K. Burgess, Sherry D. Bynum, Nuria Caal Coc, Omar Caballero  
28 Regaldo, Fred Cain, Marlen Yarit Calderon-Serrano, Wilson Alexander  
29 Torres Calez, Mercedes Calipo-Jaramillo, Bryan Carroll Campbell, Dena  
30 Angelique Candelario, Aletha Capps, Santino Biagio Cardella, Selvin  
31 Moises Cardoza-Vega, Rocky Charles Carpenter, Gregory John Carter,  
32 Reyes Ismael Casanova-Molina, Timothy Case, Darisleidy Castillo, Edgar  
33 Castillo-Hernandez, Jennifer C. Castro-Perdomo, Autumn Starr Cerenil,  
34 Kenneth Anthony Chacon, Roberto Chamatum Quixtan, David Chambers,  
35 Fynn Addison Chaney, Michele Denise Chapman, Yerlonda Lequita  
36 Chase, Michael Chastain, Samuel Chavez Rodriguez, Carol Jean Chavez,  
37 Christiana Lynn Childers, Lorenzo Deshawn Chivers, Jordon Zachary  
38 Christian, Aldo Cid-Perez, Jasmin Cigarroa, John Cizek, Benjamin  
39 Dubreath Clark, Earl Tex Clark, Randall Serrine Clark, Tyrese Clark,  
40 Javon Classen, Michael John Coe, Derek Colburn, Josue Collardo Peleaz,  
41 Ray Collins, Martin Conley, Thomas Randal Cook, Timothy Lee Copley,

1 Colton Carl Cordova, Patricia Ann Cordova, Shaun Wayne Cordova,  
2 Jamie Cortez, Jeffrey Cornu, April Cox, Emily Estelle Craig, Charlene  
3 Cramer, Jose Angel Cruz Perez, Juan Ramon Miralda Cuevas, Julie L.  
4 Cunningham, Elizabeth Yvonne Cutler, Amy Dabalos, Maurice Gordon  
5 Dametz, Danielle Lee Danford, Tyrique Duly Daniel, Theresa Mondragon  
6 Davila, Alicia Davis, James Earl Dean, Julia R. Dearemt, Robert Edward  
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8 Jessa-Ann Elizabeth Diaz, Dallas Dickerson, John Dillenger, Ildeberto  
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12 Stephanie Ann Drnovsek, Charles Duke, Addison Wayne Dunn, Alanish  
13 Duran, Paula Duran, Pia Victoriana Duran, Sheila Duran, Jonathan Eads,  
14 Patrick Ealy, Jason Allen Edwards, Steve Robert Einspahr, Roger John  
15 Ellison, Bekime Elshani, Brianna Erives, Ofelia Escobar Hernandez,  
16 Emiliano Jesus Esquivel, Julien Estavillo, Nicholas Evans, Eric Todd  
17 Ewing, Romarieon Farley, Daniel Faust, Tylar Featherston, Felicia  
18 Fellow, J. D. Ferguson, Eugene Francis Fish, Stephanie Kay Fladgard,  
19 Leashea Flores, Bryan Fortney, Jeffrey Lee Fossum, Stephen Anthony  
20 Foster, Amber Fay Franklin, Christopher Frazier, Christopher S. French,  
21 Elwood G. Friesen, Johnnie Friloux, Christopher James Fromm, Khalil  
22 Shamsid Deen Furqan, Aquaria Gadsden, Daniela Galban, Connie Garcia,  
23 Izaac Garcia, Xavier Zeven Garcia, Gaige Garnett, Robert Irwin  
24 Gautsche, Jason Geneva, Kathryn Marie Gerdes, Shaida Ghaemi, Sinthea  
25 Jade Gibson, Patricia Gilbertson, Michael Cody Gilkeson, Phillip Gomez,  
26 Daniel Gomez-Vasquez, Marvin Josue Gonzales-Coello, Monserrat  
27 Gonzalez, Carlos Mario Gonzalez-Madrid, Suzanne K. Gookins, Jack M.  
28 Gordon, Lucas Whyte Gordon, Tyler Gorrell, Blanca Estella  
29 Govea-Ibarra, Benjamin Franklin Gray, Felton Gray, Maddox  
30 Greenwood, Matthew Wayne Griggs, Angelo Leo Grubb, John S. Gruber,  
31 Raymond Joseph Guerrero, Patricia Ann Gutierrez, Ethan Lee  
32 Hackenberg, Norma Jean Halford, Bruce Hall, Prestlie Dean Hall, Joseph  
33 Lawrence Halpern, James Joseph Hampton, Jason Hannan, Tommy  
34 Harrell, Christopher James Harvey, Evan Hawley, Christopher Tre  
35 Haynes, Jon Truscott Haynes, Joseph Heinrich, Lisa Ann Hendrix,  
36 Deborah Ann Heriford, Sara Luciana Hernandez-Moreno, Kiersten  
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38 Olha Hnatenko, Martin H. Hobson, Paul Richard Hodgden, Daniel Robert  
39 Holloway, Denise Gail Holm, Nathaniel James Holmes, Daphne Ronette  
40 Hope, Francis Houle, Leesa Horner, Layla Marie Howard, Ryan Charles  
41 Howard, Theresa Lynn Hubbard, Rusty Lane Hubbard, Michael B.  
42 Hunter, William Scott Hurtado, Sandra Ibeth-Oliveres, Soyfa Pavia

1 Iniguez, Carl Leroy Jackson, Ashley Lee James, Brian James, Soloman  
2 Jameson, Russell Brian Jaramillo, Sean Alexander Jenkins, Harrison  
3 Benton Jensen, Clinton Jeter, Pascual Jimenez Alonzo, Keyla Jimenez  
4 Miguel, Toltecattle Jimenez, Sipriano J. Jiminez, James Alan Jongma,  
5 Brian A. Juarez-Martinez, Samera Kachacubt, Benjamin Clemens Kalina,  
6 Layla Kearns, Brian Kegseth, Rebecca Ann Kellison, Seth Lyon Utiger  
7 Kienzle, Sandra Lee Killian, Walter Iwao Kimoto, Kayleb Kite, Kenneth  
8 Kite, Tereasa Sue Knuth, David Kramer, J. C. Krieg, Breeann Ella Kyle,  
9 Savannah Dakota La Rue, Rachel Lauderbaugh, Nevaeh Lawler, Ronald  
10 Kuetemeier, Lori Lee Layman, Seth Lecheminant, Ryan Lee, Jamie  
11 Legoretta, Edith Bernice Lehnerz, John Francis Lenihan, Dava Leonard,  
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13 Sabellah Lindsey, Tony Liparote, Jason Locke, Mungunkhulan  
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15 Lopez-Sanchez, Cesar Lopez, Hector Marcelo Lopez, Miguel Lopez,  
16 Jeremiah Lopez, Jaime Lopez-Arenas, Jose Samuel Lopez-Cortez, Laurie  
17 Renee Lucas, Andrew James Lucero, Jason Justin Lynch, Maya Sophia  
18 Lynch, Felipe Jesus Maestas, Ryan Mahan, Rohit Malik, Rubina Iftiknar  
19 Malik, Brandi Malonson, Ruth Elizabeth Marcia Almendares, Jennifer  
20 Lynn Marcum, Madai Soccoro Marentes, Lisa Denise Marino-Dorsey,  
21 Brandon Shaw Marley, Nayeli Marquez-Morales, Juan Martin, Sean  
22 Martin, Alex Martinez, Asencion Martinez, Diego Martinez, Fabian  
23 Santos Martinez, Felicia Comzeulo Martinez, Katiery Martinez, Rafael  
24 Martinez, Steven Martinez, Vanessa Martinez, Julio Miguel Mateo,  
25 Melmy Matos, Ayla Rayn McBroom, Penny Lynn McClees, Donnell  
26 Eugene McClendon, Michael Jerry McClure, Beverly Joan McCool, Cole  
27 Mchurie, Oscar J. McNear, Alana McWee, Alejandro Medina, Crystal  
28 Medina, Kimberly Diane Medina-Greene, Javier Rodolfo  
29 Medina-Aguilar, Albaro Medino, Douglas Edward Meer, Marcos  
30 Mendez-Ruiz, Michael E. Meteer, Ricky Stanley Meyer, Paul Michals,  
31 Javier Miguel-Andres, Roger Boyd Mikkelsen, Deborah Marie Miland,  
32 Elizabeth Ann Miller, Rachelle Miller, Kyo Miller, Daniel H. Miranda,  
33 Justin Moder, Jayden Montejano, Yaretzi Morales-Quintenilla, Richard  
34 Kenneth Morgan, Lekiesha Morris, Shauna Leigh Morrison, Shanti  
35 Mountain Sage Motry, Anthony Steven Michael Moya, Jane Aurelia  
36 Mudder, Janessa Munaton, Irma Rosario Muneton-Cueto, Alani Muniz,  
37 Robert Myer, Sophia Narsia, Jesus Manuel Nava, Daniela Navarro Diaz,  
38 Karen Navarro Diaz, Renata Isabellea Navarro Diaz, Pamela L. Neal,  
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40 Newell, Albert Newman, Mary Niemi, Alfred Nieves, Jr., Margaret Renee  
41 Niles, John Northup, William Norwood, Geraldine Ann  
42 Obregon-Gingles, Addison O'Brien, Lee Ochs, Richard Oden, Maria

1 Rosario Olea, Brian Michael Olp, Angel Omar-Trejo, Brenda  
2 Orellana-Vides, Angel Orozco, Emiliano Ortega, Evayah Ortega, Ezerius  
3 Ortega, Joshua Ortega, Bhayron Ortiz, Jessica Eileen Ortiz, Brian  
4 Oshaughnessy, Jose Osorio Constanza, Thomas Osvold, Aryanna  
5 Pacheco, Nathaviya Lynn Pacheco, Jacob Paddock-Week, Jorge Manuel  
6 Palomo-Rosas, Michael Parks, Aarshiya Patil, Jiaa Patil, Sandra Kay  
7 Patterson, Evelyn Yesenia Morales Perdomo, Gilberto Perez-Cervantes,  
8 Alyssa Perez-Garza, Tom Phifer, Christine Rosy Pierce, Robert T. Pillsen,  
9 Gary Pino, Alexis Jewel Pionke, Gerri Polk, Dustin Shane Poole, Bryan  
10 Clifton Pope, Lea Porter, Samantha Powell, Jacqueline Prieto, James H.  
11 Pruitt, Damo Quadir, Alejandro Quinones-Zapaico, Sheila Quintero,  
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14 Redfearn, Haley Marie Redford, Johnathan Taylor Redmond, Stephen  
15 Reedy, Kristal Anne Reisinger, Kim Rimmel, Juan Rendon, Ivan  
16 Renteria, Kali Resseguie, Jordyn Reyes, Nestor Reyes-Lemus, Maurice  
17 Reynolds, Peggy Ann Reynolds, John Rice, Ian Ashley Richardson, Greer  
18 Burgess Rivera, Richard Dean Roberts, Ash Luka Roberts, David Lee  
19 Roberts, Asher Rockhold, Tyler Rodrick, Joseph Rodriguez, Louisa  
20 Rodriguez, Omar Rodriguez, Georgia Lee Rohner, Kimberly Rojo, Knyah  
21 Kae Rolle, Raniro Romo, Mayra Romo-Hernandez, Martha Rye Rooks,  
22 Alexis Rose, Gary Jermoe Rose, James B. Rowe, Aubrey Caroline Sacco,  
23 Dempsey Sala, Ceila Salazar-Montenegro, Mario Fernando Sanchez,  
24 Victoria Sanchez, Georgina Sanchez-Cruz, Angelica Esperanza Sandoval,  
25 Paula Santellano, Russel Sawney, Ashley Leigh Scalcucci, Olivia Addae  
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28 Segura, Annaviella Sharp, David George Shier, Jessica G. Shoemake,  
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30 Arnold Simmons, John Michael Simons, Ronald David Sisneros,  
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41 Thompson, Dempsey Neal Thompson, Terah Maria Thornhill, Elizabeth  
42 Renee Thornton, Sofya Tivia Iniguez, Alberto Torres, Evangeline Torres,

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2 Trevino, Daniel Trujillo, Gabriel Trujillo, Jeremy John Trujillo, Shane  
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4 Ileana Uribe-Ramos, Migdali Urbina Cruz, Kelli Uribe, Xavier Vallejos,  
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12 Kathy Wilkerson, Damien Lee Willburn, Ian Kirk Willcoxon, Dale Duane  
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19 Walter Alan Zebelman, and Leland Zook.

20 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
21 to Voices of Victims; Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons  
22 (FOHVAMP); Colorado Victims for Justice; the Colorado Organization  
23 for Victim Assistance (COVA); and the Colorado Bureau of  
24 Investigation.