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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-009**

101      **CONCERNING AWARENESS DAY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL**  
102                    **AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

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1            WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Colorado's community-based  
2 services system has led the way for individuals with intellectual and  
3 developmental disabilities to receive services and supports that afford  
4 them greater independence and community interaction; and

5            WHEREAS, Colorado's community system for individuals with  
6 intellectual and developmental disabilities has a long, proud history of  
7 enabling individuals to move from large, institutional services to smaller,  
8 community-based integrated services that offer personalized assistance  
9 and support; and

10            WHEREAS, Colorado's community system for individuals with

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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1 intellectual and developmental disabilities helps individuals obtain  
2 meaningful employment in a variety of settings, allowing them to work  
3 and build relationships within their communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Coloradans with intellectual and developmental  
5 disabilities in every county across the state are able to live, learn, play,  
6 and work in their communities with the dignity, choices, opportunities,  
7 and responsibilities afforded to all citizens due to the services and  
8 supports provided by local community-centered boards and  
9 program-approved service agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, There is significant demand across Colorado for  
11 services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental  
12 disabilities, and waiting lists for services are growing; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, more than 20,000 Coloradans with intellectual  
14 and developmental disabilities receive high-quality services and supports  
15 through community-centered boards and program-approved service  
16 agencies; now, therefore,

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

19 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,  
20 proclaim February 15, 2017, to be Awareness Day for Individuals with  
21 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the state of Colorado.

22 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
23 to community-centered boards and organizations that provide services  
24 and supports to adults and children with intellectual and developmental  
25 disabilities and their families throughout Colorado.