



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-010

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CONCERNING THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT".

WHEREAS, The "National Historic Preservation Act" (NHPA) was signed into law on October 15, 1966, and established the nation's legal framework for the protection and preservation of historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeological discoveries; and

WHEREAS, The United States and thousands of public, private, and nonprofit-sector partners are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the NHPA throughout 2016 under the banner of "Preservation50"; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, the NHPA has had a profound and positive impact on communities throughout Colorado and the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the past 25 years alone, Colorado Main Street

programs and historic preservation designations have helped to recognize and revitalize Colorado communities; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program (Program) is the largest federal program supporting historic preservation and has helped create millions of jobs, saved tens of thousands of historic structures, and attracted billions of dollars in investment; and

WHEREAS, In Colorado, the Program has supported important preservation projects throughout the state such as the American National Bank in Alamosa, the Tabor Grand Hotel in Leadville, and the Old Sterling Public Library in Sterling, among others; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has one of the strongest state tax credit programs in the United States, which has supported close to 1,100 projects that help to revitalize our large and small communities through the preservation of historic places such as Riverside Block in Pueblo, Commercial Street in Trinidad, and Stanley Aviation in Aurora; and

WHEREAS, The National Register of Historic Places, also created by the NHPA, contains more than 80,000 historic properties, with at least one place listed in almost every county in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-five National Historic Landmarks within Colorado recognize significant historic and archaeological sites, including Georgetown, Mesa Verde Administration District, and Trujillo Homesteads; and

WHEREAS, Colorado recognizes the importance of rural and agricultural communities, many of which have historic places that have been designated as "Centennial Farms" by the state's Centennial Farms Program that honors the vital contributions farmers and ranchers make in preserving historic buildings and our state's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Heritage tourism is a critical component of Colorado's economy and the Colorado Tourism Office is an active partner of Preservation50 in ensuring a strong future for our vibrant communities participating in historic preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, The State Historical Fund, created by constitutional amendment in 1990, is one of the most robust and successful programs in the nation focusing on the "rehabilitation of historic buildings, archaeological excavations, preservation planning studies, and education"; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado State Historic Preservation Office administers the Certified Local Government Program, which provides 52 localities with funding for preservation, education, and survey projects; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado State Historic Preservation Office also participates in the Section 106 federal review process, consulting on thousands of projects annually for their impact on preservation efforts; now, therefore,

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

That the Colorado General Assembly hereby commemorates the "National Historic Preservation Act" on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its passage and recognizes the significance of the NHPA and its many benefits to Colorado and the United States.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the History Colorado Preservation50 Advisory Committee; State Historic Preservation Officer Steve Turner; Adams 12 Five Star Schools Superintendent Christopher Gdowski and Board of Education members; Discover Colorado students at Century Middle School in Adams 12 Five Star Schools; and the Colorado Preserve America Youth Summit CEO and President Harry Bruell.

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