



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-018

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### CONCERNING RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND COLORADO.

WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom are brought together by our close linguistic, historic, cultural, and political ties and these strong bonds make us natural, resilient, and strong partners and allies in the global community; and

WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom draw inspiration from common values: Open government, free speech, and open markets; and

WHEREAS, The Magna Carta, created in 1215 in England, established the basis for protecting individual freedoms and strongly influenced the development of the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The United States is Britain's largest single trading

partner and the United Kingdom's top export destination. The United States remains by far the United Kingdom's largest inward investor. This partnership -- worth over \$200 billion a year -- has created a million jobs on both sides of the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, The United Kingdom-United States economic relationship is exceptionally strong in Colorado, where the United Kingdom is the state's largest foreign direct investor, having created over 14,000 jobs, and the United Kingdom also ranks in the top ten export markets for Colorado goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Numerous Colorado-based companies are investors in the United Kingdom, including many of the state's Fortune 500 companies, as well as its small and medium size companies, in industries ranging from infrastructure to technology to food and beverage; and

WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom have been historic and consistent partners in matters of international security. As close allies in NATO, permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, and leading nuclear powers, the United States-United Kingdom partnership has been a model of global security for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Today, United States and United Kingdom troops equip, train, fight, and recuperate together. Several hundred United Kingdom personnel are stationed in the United States, including many British military officers working alongside United States military at Colorado's military bases; and

WHEREAS, United States-United Kingdom research partnerships remain critical, with collaborations resulting in 26 Nobel prizes for science and economics. Most recently, United Kingdom-Colorado research collaboration has focused on innovation in renewable energy and in the "Internet of Things"; and

WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom continue to build stronger academic ties, with every year roughly 50,000 American students studying in the United Kingdom, and around 11,000 British students studying in the United States, and Colorado's higher education institutions are significant contributors to this relationship; and

WHEREAS, The United Kingdom and United States continue to influence one another through excellence in film, music, fine art, and literature, all of which has been on display in Colorado's various arts and cultural venues, including the Denver Art Museum and the Colorado Shakespeare Festival; and

WHEREAS, The United Kingdom views Colorado as a key partner and has established a permanent presence in the state through its United Kingdom Government Office, which seeks to build and strengthen business, economic, political, and research ties between Colorado and the United Kingdom; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the special relationship between the United Kingdom and Colorado, which is built upon a strong foundation of business, economic, political, academic, research, cultural, and historic ties.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor John Hickenlooper, Colorado's Congressional Delegation, Mayor Michael Hancock, the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., the British Consulate-General in Chicago, the United Kingdom Government Office in Denver, the World Trade Center Denver, Broomfield Sister Cities, City of Evans Sister Cities, Greeley Sister Cities,

Center for British and Irish Studies at the University of Colorado, and the British Motorcycle Association of Colorado.

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