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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-026**

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF "FIRST RESPONDER**  
102 **APPRECIATION DAY".**

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1 WHEREAS, First responders risk their own safety and personal  
2 property in the execution of their duties to protect the public on a daily  
3 basis; and

4 WHEREAS, First responders are the first line of defense for the  
5 public against threats, both domestic and foreign; and

6 WHEREAS, First responders stand at the ready to come to the aid  
7 of the citizens of the United States of America twenty-four hours a day;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, First responders are a vital part of our communities,

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

1 not only standing ready to deal with emergencies but also volunteering in  
2 our schools and community organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, Individuals, both career and volunteer, including  
4 police, fire, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and other  
5 organizations in the public safety sector, come together as a collective to  
6 aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorado joins the following states in designating  
8 September 27 as "First Responder Appreciation Day": Alabama, Alaska,  
9 Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland,  
10 Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North  
11 Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South  
12 Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly wishes to honor and  
15 support all first responders with an annual day of appreciation; now,  
16 therefore,

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

19 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,  
20 designate September 27, 2016, as "First Responder Appreciation Day";

21 (2) That we recognize and honor the actions of first responders  
22 who performed heroic actions in the line of duty or went above and  
23 beyond the call of duty, including: Paramedic Robert "Bob" Marlin, South  
24 Metro Fire Rescue; Chief Carl Tatum, Hanover Fire Protection District;  
25 Captain Dan Hrouda, Fire Inspector, Evergreen Fire Rescue; Limon  
26 Ambulance Service; Tim Dienst, CEO, Ute Pass Regional Emergency  
27 Medical Services; Greg Foley, Grand County Search and Rescue and the  
28 Mountain Rescue Association; Captain Erich Barber, Grand County  
29 EMS; Tactical Officers Robert Wolf and Dan Carter, K-9 Officer John  
30 Ford, and Patrol Officer Mike Zamonas, Colorado Springs Police  
31 Department; Chief Jack Lee, Paradox Fire Department; Dispatcher Cindy  
32 Link, Teller County Sheriff's Office; Captain Tom Ruane, Lieutenants  
33 Kris Soppe, Brian Myers, and Steve Winters, and Firefighters Jeremy  
34 Kunze, Jamie Gutschick, Mike Polletta, Justin Cihak, Landon Mauck,  
35 Chris Villegas, Bo Hutchinson, Andrew Lowe, Craig Staloway, Erik  
36 Long, Cameron Halverson, and Brian Koontz, Colorado Springs Fire

1 Department; Deputy Jeffrey Brunkow of the Boulder County Sheriff's  
2 Office; Lieutenant Brian King, Engineer Michael Ditolla, and Firefighters  
3 Nicholas Coster and Christopher Rathburn, Denver Fire Department; Dr.  
4 Robert Morrow, Walsh Ambulance Service; Officers Melissa  
5 Manzanares, Ryan Beale, Mark Donohue, and Bob Wilson, and  
6 Dispatcher Mark Derham, Golden Police Department; Deputies Steven  
7 Pike and Christopher Caro, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant  
8 Toni Russell, Hot Sulphur Springs Fire Department; Robert Good and  
9 Janee Gautreaux, AMR Colorado Springs/El Paso County; EMT Nicole  
10 Richards, Kit Carson County Ambulance Service; and Paramedic Chad  
11 Bauer, Ute Pass Regional Emergency Medical Services;

12 (3) That we recognize and honor the first responders who died in  
13 the line of duty, including: Deputy Derek Geer, Mesa County Sheriff's  
14 Office; Officer Garrett Swasey, University of Colorado-Colorado  
15 Springs; Trooper Jaime Jursevics, Colorado State Patrol; Corporal Nate  
16 Carrigan, Park County Sheriff's Office; Trooper Taylor Joseph Thyfault,  
17 Colorado State Patrol; Deputy Sheriff Travis Russell, Las Animas County  
18 Sheriff's Office; and Deputy Sean Renfro, Jefferson County Sheriff's  
19 Office;

20 (4) That we recognize and honor the first responders who were  
21 injured in the line of duty, including: Officer Tony Lopez, Jr., Denver  
22 Police Department; Officer Rachel Eid, Denver Police Department;  
23 Technician John Ruddy, Denver Police Department; Master Patrol  
24 Deputy Kolby Martin, Park County Sheriff's Office; Captain Mark  
25 Hancock, Park County Sheriff's Office; and Trooper Clint Rushing,  
26 Colorado State Patrol; and

27 (5) That we recognize and honor all first responders who put their  
28 lives on the line daily to serve and protect the people of Colorado.

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
30 to:

31 (1) The following organizations: Colorado Association of Chiefs  
32 of Police; County Sheriffs of Colorado; Colorado State Fire Fighters  
33 Association; Colorado Professional Fire Fighters; Emergency Medical  
34 Services Association of Colorado; the I Love You Guys Foundation;  
35 National EMS Memorial Service; Larimer Emergency Telephone  
36 Authority; Colorado State Fire Chiefs; and Colorado Search and Rescue  
37 Board;

1           (2) The following government officials and offices: Stan Hilkey,  
2 Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety; Paul Cooke,  
3 Director, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Colorado Department  
4 of Public Safety; Rocco Snart, Colorado Division of Fire Management  
5 and Control, U.S. Bureau of Land Management; Mike Chard, Director,  
6 Boulder County Office of Emergency Management; Jay T. Esperance,  
7 Incident Commander, Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team;  
8 Marti Whitmore, Public Information Officer, Ouray County; Lynn  
9 Padgett, Chairperson, Ouray County Board of County Commissioners;  
10 Mike Butler, Public Safety Chief, Longmont Public Safety; Melissa  
11 Lineberger, Director, Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology  
12 Aerial Firefighting, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control;  
13 Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency;  
14 and Kyle Patterson, Spokesperson, Rocky Mountain National Park;

15           (3) Tim Gregg, Executive Director of National First Responders  
16 Appreciation Day;

17           (4) The following first responders: Colorado State Patrol;  
18 Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Jefferson County Regional SWAT;  
19 Park County Sheriff's Office; North Fork Volunteer Fire Department;  
20 Foothills Fire Department; Mountain View Fire Department; Wiggins  
21 Rural Fire Department; Fort Morgan Fire Department; City of Brush Fire  
22 Department; City of Aurora Police Department; Arapahoe County  
23 Sheriff's Office; City of Aurora Fire Department; Emergency Medical  
24 Services, Denver Health Medical Center; Emergency Department,  
25 Medical Center of Aurora; Trauma Program Director, Medical Center of  
26 Aurora; Emergency Medical Services, Swedish Medical Center Denver;  
27 HealthOne Clinic Services EMS and Trauma Unit; Rist Canyon  
28 Volunteer Fire Department; Poudre Fire Authority; City of Fort Collins  
29 Police Department; Larimer County Sheriff's Office; City of Colorado  
30 Springs Police Department; El Paso County Sheriff's Office; Mesa  
31 County Sheriff's Office; West Metro Fire Protection District; CO-TF1,  
32 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue; City of Wheat Ridge Police  
33 Department; Elbert County Sheriff's Office; Great Basin Type 1 Incident  
34 Management Team; Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team;  
35 Huerfano County Fire Department; Lafayette Fire Department; Boulder  
36 County Sheriff's Office; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station  
37 3; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 1; Poudre Canyon Fire  
38 Protection District - Station 2; Berthoud Fire Protection District; Estes  
39 Park Volunteer Fire Department; Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire  
40 Department; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District; Glacier View Fire

1 Protection District; Livermore Fire Protection District; Loveland Fire  
2 Department; Big Elk Volunteer Fire Department; Poudre Canyon Fire  
3 Protection District - Station 4; Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District;  
4 Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department; Wellington Fire Protection  
5 District; Larimer County Sheriff's office; City of Lyons Fire Department;  
6 Yarnell Fire Department; Denver Police Department; Louisville Police  
7 Department; Louisville Fire Department; Lafayette Police Department;  
8 Erie Police Department; Mountain View Fire Protection District;  
9 Colorado Springs Fire Department; Pueblo City Fire Department; Pueblo  
10 West Fire Department; Denver Fire Department; Colorado River Fire  
11 Rescue; American Medical Response Pueblo; American Medical  
12 Response Aurora; American Medical Response Boulder; American  
13 Medical Response Canon City; American Medical Response Denver;  
14 American Medical Response Golden; American Medical Response  
15 Longmont; Evergreen Fire/Rescue; South Metro Fire Rescue; Wheat  
16 Ridge Fire Department; and Grand County EMS; and

17 (5) Each of the first responders recognized and honored in  
18 subsections (2) and (4) of this Joint Resolution and the families of each  
19 of the first responders recognized and honored in subsection (3) of this  
20 Joint Resolution.