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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-010**

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 President Ronald Reagan called "the stark terror of a  
3            unique tragedy"--a missing family member; and

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

8            WHEREAS, In 2014, the FBI's National Crime Information Center  
9            logged 466,949 reports of missing children; by December 31, 2014, the  
10          FBI reported 89,924 active missing persons in the United States, with

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 more than half being juveniles under the age of 21; and

2 WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing from their families for  
3 a number of devastating reasons: they run away or wander and become  
4 lost; they disappear under circumstances indicating that their  
5 disappearance may not have been voluntary; or they go missing under  
6 suspicious circumstances, indicating that they may be in physical danger  
7 or the victims of foul play; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully  
16 recovered 800 children nationally; and

17 WHEREAS, For all the important work done to recover missing  
18 children, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children lists 72  
19 missing Coloradan children from every area of the state; all disappeared  
20 from their families when they were children and some have been missing  
21 for decades; and

22 WHEREAS, While too many families grieve and hope for their  
23 missing children, others are in search of their missing family members of  
24 all ages; and

25 WHEREAS, According to the Alzheimer's Association, 6 in 10  
26 people with Alzheimer's or dementia will wander and may become lost,  
27 a frequent and frightening challenge for their caregivers and families; and

28 WHEREAS, In 2007, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed House  
29 Bill 07-1005 into law, which expanded the Silver Alert program for  
30 senior citizens to include people with developmental disabilities to  
31 connect caretakers with law enforcement officials, who can use the reach  
32 of the radio and television stations and other media to alert the  
33 community; and

34 WHEREAS, The awareness of citizens, media, and law

1 enforcement, as well as their support, their efforts, and their search for  
2 missing persons, must continue; and

3 WHEREAS, The public plays a critical role in the success of the  
4 AMBER and Silver Alert programs; they become the eyes and the ears of  
5 law enforcement and can be on the lookout for the missing person; and

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

10 WHEREAS, New advances in technology must be utilized and  
11 made available to locate the missing; and

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

14 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado  
15 will firmly embed the importance of missing persons and their families  
16 and friends in our state calendar and will raise a level of awareness with  
17 other cities and states that have already designated a Missing Persons  
18 Day; and

19 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado  
20 offers a platform to plan events that will connect families with resources  
21 to help identify and find their long-term missing loved ones; and

22 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado  
23 will ensure that the families and friends of the missing know that they are  
24 not alone in this tragedy of uncertainties and lack of closure, which leads  
25 to extreme suffering and long-lasting effects on the health, finances, and  
26 relationships of those left behind; and

27 WHEREAS, Every missing person is someone's son or daughter,  
28 father or mother, brother or sister, partner or friend, and every missing  
29 person deserves to be searched for and found; now, therefore,

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

32 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the

1 epidemic of the missing in America as "The Silent Mass Disaster" and  
2 empathize with the ongoing suffering of the families and friends of those  
3 who are missing;

4 (2) That we recognize the importance of raising awareness of the  
5 numbers of people who go missing in Colorado each year;

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

9 (4) That we encourage the continued support of worthy initiatives  
10 and private and public programs to increase efforts to locate missing  
11 persons;

12 (5) That we hereby designate February 4 of each year as Missing  
13 Persons Day and support the goals and ideals of the day; and

14 (6) That we acknowledge the names, and the families, of the  
15 Coloradans who are currently missing: Christopher Abeyta, Edward  
16 Abeyta, Luis Acosta, John Aden, Lorraine Aguilar Highpipe, Carmen  
17 Aguilera, Jesus Alavarez, Katherine Allen, Angie Almanza, Bryan  
18 Ambrose, Ambreen Amjad, Uvaldo Moises Anaya, Juveeta Anderson,  
19 Keith Anderson, Isabella Balajonda Annibal, Tiannah Annibal, Pauline  
20 Aragon, Britawney Arrellano, Cynthia Atterbury, Joaquin Aviles Silva,  
21 Bonny Baker, Brandon Masaki Baker, Victoria Bakhtiari, Alexandra  
22 Banda, Linda Barker, Gayla Barnes, Katherine Barnum, Mario  
23 Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Barrett, Tracy Bastion, Richard Beebe,  
24 Jermaine Bedford, Jr., Stephanie Benitez, Angelaquic Benson, Pamela  
25 Bera, David Berger, Gloria Berreth, Casey Berry, Abigail Blagg, Marie  
26 Blee, Robert Bockmann, Mark Bonner, Lesley Border, Robert Bowling,  
27 Arthur Brandes, William Brennan, Avery Brewington, Lester Bright,  
28 Austin Bryant, Edward Bryant, Colleen Burgess, Triniti Burrell, Daniel  
29 Burrow, Sherry Bynum, Jose Caldera, Frederick Cain, Jessica  
30 Campos-Martinez, Dena Candelario, Kristine Capps, Rocky Carpenter,  
31 Thad Carper, Christopher Kit Carson, Gregory Carter, Timothy Case,  
32 Autumn Cerenil-Lee, Kenneth Chacon, David Chambers, Breanna  
33 Champlain, Michael Chastain, Lorenzo Chivers, Cerae Christian, Aldo  
34 Cid Perez, John Cizek, Benjamin Clark, Earl Clark, Randall Clark,  
35 Derrick Coleman, Ray Burssie Collins, Christopher Collyer, Martin  
36 Conley, Thomas Cook, Randi Coon, Timothy Copley, Patricia Cordova,  
37 Shaun Cordova, Emilio Cortez, Jamie Cortez, Trinity Cortez, Charlene

1 Cramer, Aza Crutchfield, Angie Cruz Garces, Valentin Cruz, Julie  
2 Cunningham, Octavia Currie, Maurice Gordon Dametz, Bladimir  
3 Damian-Mendez, Heather Damon, Kylanasha Dancer, James Dean, Julia  
4 Dearemt, Fabian Del Rosario, Nicholas Dolce, Nonnie Dotson, Jennifer  
5 Douglas, Rex Douglas, Stephanie Drnovsek, Charles Duke, Denton Dyer,  
6 Keith Ebrecht, Caleb Elaayi, Somaya Elaayi, Adam Elkhadiri, Roger  
7 Ellison, Bekime Elshani, Maria Emeterio, Beverly England, Eric  
8 Espinoza, Mary Esquibel, Pauline Fajardo, Michael Farris, Daniel Faust,  
9 Elaine Fauver, J.D. Ferguson, William Ferguson, Alan Figueroa  
10 Castrejon, John Fischer, Eugene Fish, Stephanie Fladgard, Blanca Flores,  
11 Zachary Flowers, Elijah Forsythe, Jeffrey Fossum, Matthew Foxley,  
12 Angelo Frias, Mary Gallegos, Hilga Gallegos, Evaristo Galvan, Ailena  
13 Garcia, Thania Garcia, Tiara Garrett, John Gates, Shaida Ghaemi, Donna  
14 Goldberg, Phillip Gomez, Annalise Gonzalez, Gustavo Gonzalez  
15 Buenrostro, Patricia Gonzalez, Sezja Gonzalez, Jack Gordon, Lucas  
16 Whyte Gordon, Sabrina Graham, Alector Gray, Benjamin Franklin Gray,  
17 Kimberly Greene-Medina, Sean Gribble, John Gruber, Patricia Gutierrez,  
18 Debra Hageman, Norma Halford, Prestlie Hall, Joseph Halpern, James  
19 Hampton, Patrick Harris, Christopher Harvey, Kalah Hare, Evan Hawley,  
20 Jon Haynes, Mitchell Hein, Paul Hemming, Ronda Henrichsen, Deborah  
21 Heriford, Kathleen Hernandez, Martin Hobson, Paul Hodgden, Daniel  
22 Holloway, Daphne Hope, Clyde Hubbard, Theresa Hubbard, Samantha  
23 Hudnall, Joyce Hunter, Deborah Hyatt, Gabriel Hyde, Sandra  
24 Ibeth-Oliveres, Alva Iglesias, Karen Jacobed, Carl Jackson, Lindsey  
25 Jackson, Ashley James, Brian James, Brian Jaramillo, Dorothy Jenkins,  
26 Lyric Jennings, Sipriano Jiminez, Al Johnson, Ryder Johnson, Rayannah  
27 Jones, Benjamin Kalina, Daniel Keller, Rebecca Kellison, Seth Kienzle,  
28 James Kilby, Sandra Killian, Walter Kimoto, Tereasa Knuth, Claudia Ko,  
29 Tiffany Ko, David Kramer, Ronald Kuetemeier, Summer Larned-Duran,  
30 Lori Layman, Maurice Leday, Michael Lee, Cassie Leford, Edith  
31 Lehnerz, John Lenihan, Andy Lepley, Jerri Lesser, Patricia Lilly, Vernon  
32 Lilly, Maria Lira, Jennifer Lockwood, Jaime Lopez-Arenas, Maria  
33 Lopez-Orzuna, Perla Lopez, Laurie Lucas, Juliana Lujan, Ernest  
34 Macaulay, Micah Machulski, Charles Madrid, Felipe Maestas, Mardeli  
35 Maldonado, Brandi Jo Malonson, Jennifer Marcum, Madai Marentes,  
36 James Martin, Juan Martin, Asencion Martinez, Cynthia Martinez, Steven  
37 Martinez, Melmy Matos, Jonelle Matthews, Bruce McAllister, Penny  
38 McClees, Michael McClure, Sydney Mccollum, Beverly McCool, James  
39 McDonald, Oscar McNear, Elizabeth McSweeney, Alejandro Medina,  
40 Carla Medina, Crystal Medina, Linda Medrano, Douglas Meer, Mauricio  
41 Mejia, Enrique Mendez, Wendy Mendez, Lourdes Mendoza-Morilla,  
42 Yvonne Mestas, Michael Meter, Richard Meyer, Paul Michals, Thomas

1 Michaud, Evelyn Middleton, Roger Mikkelsen, Elizabeth Miller, Rachelle  
2 Miller, Daniel Miranda, Rudolf Moder, Matthew Mooneyham, Richard  
3 Morgan, Ann Morris, Lekiesha Morris, Shanti Motry, Anthony Moya,  
4 Saidi Muborama, Irma Muneton-Cueto, Robert Myer, Jesus Nava, Anna  
5 Navarrette, Pamela Neal, Nanci Nelson, Karla Nevaraz, Robert Newborg,  
6 Kara Nichols, Edward Nickelson, Mary Niemi, John Northrup, Geraldine  
7 Obregon-Gingles, Lee Ochs, Maria Olea, Liliana Olevera, Anthony  
8 Olivari, Denise Oliverson, Jessica Ortiz, Michael Owen, Alex Pacheco,  
9 Sandra Patterson, Aarshiya Patil, Jiaa Patil, Theodore Petersen, Tom  
10 Phifer, Robert Pillsen-Rahier, Gary Pino, Lea Porter, Diana Portillo, Eric  
11 Pracht, Brian Pytlinski, Jorge Quinones, Kimberly Quinones-Rivera,  
12 Alejandro Quinones-Zapaico, Beatriz Ramirez, Rosario Ramirez-Lujan,  
13 Ambretta Rawhouser, Spencer Reagan, Keith Reinhard, Kristal Reisinger,  
14 Kim Rimmel, Ivan Renteria, Julian Revolie, Peggy Reynolds, Ian  
15 Richardson, Kaitlyn Richardson, Thomas Riha, Alex Rivera, Amparo  
16 Rivera, Maria Rivera, Richard Roberts, Kaylie Rogers, Steven Rogers,  
17 Georgia Rohner, Raniro Romo, Martha Rye Rooks, Alejandro Rosales,  
18 Marco Rosales-Deloisa, Gary Rose, James Rowe, Steven Rowe, Esgar  
19 Ruelas, Sandy Ruiz Salazar, Mario Sanchez, Victoria Sanchez, Angelica  
20 Sandoval, Kristina Sandoval, Marcella Sandoval, Kelsie Schelling, Teresa  
21 Schilt, Teresa Schmidt, Samuel Schrup, Robert Scott, Jose Segura,  
22 Keiandre Shelton, Jessica Shoemake, Nancy Shoupp, Roberto  
23 Silva-Perez, Nicole Silvers, John Simons, Jewels Sirio, Ronnie Sisneros,  
24 Paul Skiba, Sarah Skiba, Thayne Smika, Robert Snider, Guy Solano,  
25 Gerald Sollenbarger, Nathanael Sonobe, Rocio Sperry, David Stack,  
26 Aaron Standing Bear, Julie Stefanek, Angela Stevens, Lashaya Stine,  
27 Daryl Stockert, Joseph Stocks, Leval Storey, Raymond Stubblefield,  
28 Jeremy Sullivan, Clinton Sutton, Alexander Talamantes-Bourg, Lori  
29 Thiel, Aarone Thompson, Joel Thompson, Nicholle Torrez, Katrina  
30 Treacy, Sheri Trujillo, Shane Turner, Ligia Uribe-Ramos, Michelle  
31 Uribe-Ramos, Carla Valdez, Michelle Vanek, Oscar Vasquez-Garcia,  
32 Nicole Vera-Rico, Rudy Victor, Amadeo Vigil, Caleb Vigil, Christopher  
33 Vigil, Robert Vigil, Charlene Voight, Graycen Wagner, Michael  
34 Walczak, Darlene Wallace, Larry Watts, Kathy Wilkerson, Dale  
35 Williams, Barbara Wilson, Wendy Wisner, Timothy Witt, Andrew Wood,  
36 Ronald Wood, William Worley, Eric Xooc Puc, Isaiah Ybarra, D.Z. You  
37 Ying Pu, Harold Young, and Leland Zook.

38 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
39 to Voices of Victims; Families of Homicide Victims and Missing  
40 Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP); Colorado Victims for Justice; the Colorado

1 Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA); and the Colorado Bureau  
2 of Investigation.