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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-019**

101      **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 20, 2017, AS "COLORADO**  
102            **AEROSPACE DAY".**

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1            WHEREAS, Our nation and the world have significantly  
2 benefitted from technological and scientific advances resulting from  
3 space exploration and aerospace activities; and

4            WHEREAS, Colorado is the second-largest state in the country for  
5 private aerospace employment; 25,500 Coloradans are directly employed  
6 in aerospace, with a payroll exceeding \$3.4 billion, and Colorado's  
7 aerospace cluster supports more than 188,000 jobs; and

8            WHEREAS, Colorado is home to the nation's top aerospace  
9 companies, including Ball Aerospace, Boeing, DigitalGlobe, Harris  
10 Corporation, Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Northrop Grumman,

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 Raytheon, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Teledyne Brown Engineering, and  
2 United Launch Alliance; and close to 500 additional companies that  
3 support the aerospace sector by developing products, including  
4 spacecraft, launch vehicles, satellites, command and control software,  
5 sensors, and navigation operations; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Air Force Academy, along with  
7 Colorado's colleges and universities, including the University of Colorado  
8 Boulder and University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado School  
9 of Mines, Colorado State University, Metropolitan State University of  
10 Denver, University of Denver, Colorado Mesa University, and Fort Lewis  
11 College provide access to world-class aerospace-related degrees and offer  
12 aerospace companies one of the country's most educated workforces; and

13 WHEREAS, Colorado is the home of the Laboratory for  
14 Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP) at the University of Colorado  
15 Boulder that began in 1948, a decade before NASA, and is the world's  
16 only research institute to have sent instruments to all eight planets and  
17 Pluto and combines all aspects of space exploration through science,  
18 engineering, mission operations, and scientific data analysis; and

19 WHEREAS, Colorado is home to NOAA's Space Weather  
20 Prediction Center, a world-leading center of predictions of the solar and  
21 near-Earth space environment and the nation's official source of watches,  
22 warnings, and alerts of incoming solar storms, using satellite observations  
23 to protect and save lives and property; and

24 WHEREAS, Colorado is a strategic location for national space and  
25 cyber activity, with five key military commands--North American  
26 Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the United States Northern  
27 Command (USNORTHCOM), the U.S. Strategic Command's Joint  
28 Functional Component Command for Space (JFCC-Space) Missile  
29 Warning Center, the United States Air Force Space Command, and the  
30 U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic  
31 Command and three space-related United States Air Force  
32 bases--Buckley, Peterson, and Schriever; and

33 WHEREAS, The 460th Space Wing at Buckley Air Force Base,  
34 located in Aurora, provides operational command and control of three  
35 constellations of space-based infrared missile warning systems, has been  
36 defending America continuously since 1970, and is a critical part of  
37 global defense and national security; and

1           WHEREAS, Colorado is uniting global partners around the world  
2 to ensure space access for developing nations via the first planned United  
3 Nations space mission--Sierra Nevada Corporation located in Louisville,  
4 Colorado, together with the United Nations Office of Outer Space  
5 Affairs, will use its Dream Chaser spacecraft to allow developing  
6 countries the opportunity to develop and fly microgravity payloads for an  
7 extended duration in orbit; and

8           WHEREAS, Colorado leads the charge in bringing current and  
9 future GPS assets to life, a service provided free to the world by Air  
10 Force Space Command in Colorado Springs; and

11           WHEREAS, From the operation of GPS satellites by Schriever Air  
12 Force Base, to GPS III, the most powerful GPS satellite to date being  
13 designed and built by Lockheed Martin and launched by United Launch  
14 Alliance with Raytheon developing the command and control capabilities,  
15 and companies such as Boeing, Harris Corporation, Braxton  
16 Technologies, and Infinity Systems Engineering also supporting GPS  
17 development and operations from locations in Colorado, Colorado's GPS  
18 technologies enable an integral part of our global economy to have an  
19 incalculable impact that has improved the everyday lives of billions of  
20 people around the world; and

21           WHEREAS, Various organizations are key to Colorado's  
22 prominence in aerospace, such as the Colorado Space Coalition (CSC),  
23 a group of industry stakeholders working to make Colorado a center of  
24 excellence for aerospace; the Colorado Space Business Roundtable,  
25 working to bring together aerospace stakeholders from the industry,  
26 government, and academia for roundtable discussions and business  
27 development and to encourage grassroots citizen participation in  
28 aerospace issues; the Colorado Chapter of Citizens for Space Exploration,  
29 whose mission is to promote better understanding of aerospace and its  
30 importance in our economy and daily lives as well as promoting the  
31 importance of human space exploration; and Manufacturer's Edge, a  
32 statewide manufacturing assistance center that encourages the strength  
33 and competitiveness of Colorado manufacturers by providing on-site  
34 technical assistance through coaching, training, and consulting and  
35 collaboration-focused industry programs and leveraging government,  
36 university, and economic development partnerships; now, therefore,

37           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth-first General*  
38 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*

1 *concurring herein:*

2 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

3 (1) Strongly urge and request the government of the United States  
4 of America to take action to preserve and enhance United States  
5 leadership in space, spur innovation, and ensure our continued national  
6 and economic security by increasing funding for space exploration and  
7 activities, including regaining the ability of the United States to deliver  
8 astronauts to low earth orbit in the next few years; to commit to sending  
9 astronauts to the moon, asteroids, and beyond within this decade; and to  
10 aggressively pursue NASA's Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System  
11 to get astronauts to Mars orbit by 2028 and boots on the ground by 2033;

12 (2) Recognize and appreciate Colorado's space and aerospace  
13 companies and organizations, especially the growing membership and  
14 activities of the Colorado Chapter of Citizens for Space Exploration,  
15 whose activities to promote space exploration are helping to increase  
16 public understanding and enthusiasm for exploration funding;

17 (3) Recognize and appreciate the contributions of Colorado's  
18 universities, colleges, and national research laboratories to the space and  
19 aerospace industries, including their expertise in exploration of the  
20 planets and the universe and space-based Earth observation;

21 (4) Express our most sincere and deepest appreciation to the men  
22 and women working in and supporting military and civilian aerospace  
23 companies and organizations in Colorado; and

24 (5) Hereby declare March 20, 2017, to be "Colorado Aerospace  
25 Day".

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
27 to President Donald Trump; Vice President Mike Pence; Speaker Paul D.  
28 Ryan; House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi; Senate Majority Leader  
29 Mitch McConnell; Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer; Senator  
30 Cory Gardner; Senator Michael Bennet; Congresswoman Diana DeGette;  
31 Congressman Jared Polis; Congressman Scott Tipton; Congressman Ken  
32 Buck; Congressman Doug Lamborn; Congressman Mike Coffman;  
33 Congressman Ed Perlmutter; Robert Lightfoot, Acting NASA  
34 Administrator; Lesa Roe, Acting NASA Deputy Administrator; Mr.  
35 Michael P. Huerta, Federal Aviation Administration Administrator;

1 Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne; Major  
2 General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General, Colorado National  
3 Guard; Dr. George C. Nield, Associate Administrator for Commercial  
4 Space Transportation at the Federal Aviation Administration; General  
5 John Raymond, Air Force Space Commander; Colonel Dan Wright,  
6 USAF, Commander Aerospace Data Facility-Colorado; Betty Sapp,  
7 Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Charles Huettner, Executive  
8 Director, Aerospace States Association; Lieutenant Colonel Shelli  
9 Brunswick, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Space Foundation; Major  
10 General (Retired) Andy Love, Co-Chair, Colorado Space Coalition; Tom  
11 Marsh, Co-Chair, Colorado Space Coalition; Rick Ward, Chair, Colorado  
12 Space Business Roundtable; and Stacey DeFore, Chair, Colorado Citizens  
13 for Space Exploration.