



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-003

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO 4-H DAY.

WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H Youth Development program is founded on the notion that youth are a vital resource for ensuring a better tomorrow, and assisting youth as they prepare for the future is the 4-H program's central mission; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H program is an integral part of Colorado State University Extension and is fundamental to the land-grant university mission; and

WHEREAS, More than 110,000 Colorado youth, with the guidance of more than 10,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in workforce preparation and career exploration through 4-H projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H equips and empowers young people with essential life skills like confidence, courage, resilience, and curiosity and prepares them for life today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, 4-H serves every county and parish in America through a network of 100 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System with 3,000 county offices nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H organization is led by a unique public-private partnership that includes the National 4-H Council and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture within the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns an estimated \$45 million annually to the Colorado economy, plus \$31 million in added value through volunteer time contributions, resulting in a ten-fold return on investment based on the cost to conduct the program; and

WHEREAS, A decade-long longitudinal study of positive youth development showed that, compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H programs are: Nearly twice as likely to be civically active (grades 8-12); nearly twice as likely to make healthier choices (grade 7); nearly twice as likely to participate in science, engineering, and computer technology programs during time outside of school (grades 10-12); and nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities (grades 7-12); and

WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth from the ages of 5 to 19 from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the General Assembly:

(a) Salutes the Colorado 4-H program in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future by providing a wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire vital life skills, such as decision-making, leadership, and communication skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning environment;

(b) Commends Colorado State University Extension for its work in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;

(c) Recognizes the invaluable contribution of the thousands of adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado youth; and

(d) Encourages young people in Colorado to get a head start on life by participating in 4-H activities; and

(2) That the General Assembly hereby declares Monday, January 31, 2022, to be "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

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