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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1020

101 CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF LATINO/A ADVOCACY DAY.

1 WHEREAS, Latino/a Advocacy Day celebrates eighteen years of
2 mobilizing Latinas and Latinos from across Colorado, a legacy that has
3 helped amplify Latina and Latino voices to address the structural
4 inequities that have historically affected their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos are among the most impacted
6 people when assessing the negative outcomes of inequitable healthcare,
7 housing, and economic policy; and

8 WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos represent more than twenty-four
9 percent of Colorado's population. Some legislative districts have even
10 greater percentages of Latina and Latino voters and constituents.
11 Therefore, events like Latino/a Advocacy Day are essential to improve
12 parity of representation in the statewide legislative body; and

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 WHEREAS, The average age of Latinas and Latinos in the state
2 is twelve years old, and the fastest growing population of K-12 students
3 in the state is Latinas and Latinos, who already make up a majority of
4 students in urban and rural school districts across the state; and

5 WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos are a critical part of the state's
6 economy. Latina and Latino workers are the backbone of the Colorado
7 tourism industry and the construction industry. They also work in
8 agriculture and are small business owners, teachers, child and elder care
9 providers, first responders, health-care workers, advocates, legislators,
10 and innovators; and

11 WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos already constitute the largest
12 nonwhite demographic group in 2024. To foster future Latino/a political
13 leadership, we must create the infrastructure for the Latino/a community
14 to access statewide policy today; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 2007, more than 5,000 Latinas and Latinos
16 have participated in Latino/a Advocacy Day's three-day program; and

17 WHEREAS, Involving Latinas and Latinos in the policy-making
18 process ensures that the voices and lived experiences of all Coloradans
19 are respected and honored; and

20 WHEREAS, Community efforts like Latino/a Advocacy Day help
21 create better policies that impact the daily lives of all people in our state;
22 now, therefore,

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

26 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
27 recognize the achievements of Latinas and Latinos and honor their
28 contributions to Colorado's long history of political engagement and role
29 in the policy-making process;

30 (2) That we pay tribute to past and current Latino/a Advocacy Day
31 participants who have traveled to the Colorado state capitol from across
32 Colorado to ensure representation and the just treatment of Latino/a
33 communities in Colorado; and

1 (3) That we devote ourselves to creating a Colorado that will one
2 day work for all through parity of representation in this statewide
3 legislative body.

4 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
5 to the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive
6 Rights (COLOR) and Voces Unidas de las Montañas.