



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1023

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also SENATOR(S) Rodriguez and Benavidez, Gonzales J., Amabile, Bridges, Cutter, Danielson, Daugherty, Exum, Jodeh, Kipp, Kolker, Lindstedt, Marchman, Roberts, Snyder, Sullivan, Wallace, Weissman, Coleman.

CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF LATINO/A ADVOCACY DAY.

WHEREAS, Latino/a Advocacy Day celebrates 20 years of mobilizing Latinas and Latinos from across Colorado, an annual event that has helped amplify more than 5,800 Latina and Latino voices to address the structural inequities that have historically affected the Latina and Latino community; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, following the passage of anti-immigrant federal legislation and an anti-immigrant special legislative session in Colorado, a pro-immigrant justice movement swept the nation, including in Colorado. Community organizations led by local Latina and Latino activists convened the first ever Latino/a Advocacy Day in Denver in 2007 to hold policymakers accountable, advocate for better public policies, and grow the Latina and Latino community's power and influence inside the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, In 2026, Latinas and Latinos in Colorado again find themselves at the intersection of anti-immigrant attacks from the federal government, including indiscriminate mass deportations violently separating Colorado immigrant families; and

WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos constitute the largest nonwhite demographic group in Colorado, at 22.7% of the population; and

WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos remain among the most impacted people when assessing the adverse outcomes of inequitable health care, housing, education, and economic opportunity; and

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

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

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

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

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

(3) That we devote ourselves to creating a Colorado that will one day work for all, regardless of immigration status, in the Colorado General Assembly.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR) and Voces Unidas de las Montanas, the conveners of the 2026 Latino/a Advocacy Day.

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