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HOUSE RESOLUTION 26-1004

101 **CONCERNING CELEBRATING FARM WORKERS DAY.**

1 WHEREAS, Farm workers have long been the backbone of
2 American agriculture; and

3 WHEREAS, Colorado agriculture generates approximately \$47
4 billion in annual economic activity and employs between 20,000 and
5 40,000 workers; and

6 WHEREAS, Farm workers constitute 4.1% of the total workforce
7 in rural Colorado; and

8 WHEREAS, In Colorado, women make up approximately 25% to
9 30% of the farm worker workforce, mirroring national trends, but with
10 important local context-roughly 8,000 to 12,000 women are working in
11 our fields, dairies, and packing operations, and making meaningful
12 contributions to their local communities and to our state; and

13 WHEREAS, Many of these female farm workers are Latina and
14 immigrant women, supporting families both here and across borders
15 while often being paid less, given fewer protections, and facing higher

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1 risks of harassment and violence; and

2 WHEREAS, Farm workers are at the core of the Colorado
3 economy, with multiple industries relying on farm products to supply
4 food to everyone from local consumers to international markets; and

5 WHEREAS, Colorado farm workers now enjoy a range of rights,
6 but many people battled to secure those rights as they exist today.
7 Beginning in the 1960s, the hard work of attaining these rights was
8 pioneered by the National Farm Workers Association and the Agricultural
9 Workers Organizing Committee, which eventually merged to become the
10 United Farm Workers (UFW); and

11 WHEREAS, By 1970, the UFW had persuaded grape growers to
12 accept union contracts and had successfully organized workers across the
13 agricultural industry; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1975, the UFW's efforts resulted in the California
15 "Agricultural Labor Relations Act", a groundbreaking law protecting the
16 right of farm workers to unionize; and

17 WHEREAS, Workers at the UFW tirelessly devoted themselves
18 to making people aware of the struggles of farm workers and their need
19 for better pay and safer working conditions; and

20 WHEREAS, Celebrating farm workers is celebrating who we are,
21 what we eat, and the tireless work of the thousands of Coloradans whose
22 efforts make our food culture possible; now, therefore,

23 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
24 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

25 That we, the members of the House of Representatives, recognize
26 March 31, 2026, as Farm Workers Day and honor the hard work, safety,
27 and dignity of Colorado's farm workers.

28 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to
29 Governor Jared Polis, Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera, and the
30 UFW Foundation.