



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-020

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CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF APRIL 9, 2026, AS "HOME EDUCATION DAY" IN COLORADO.

WHEREAS, Colorado law affirms that it is the primary right and obligation of parents to choose the proper education and training for children under their care and supervision, and that home-based education is a legitimate alternative to classroom attendance for the instruction of children; and

WHEREAS, Home education is part of America's national heritage, as evidenced in the formative years of home-educated Americans such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Abigail Adams, Patrick Henry, John Jay, Booker T. Washington, Andrew Carnegie, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, and Ansel Adams; and

WHEREAS, Growing research indicates that adults who were home-educated internalize the values and beliefs of their parents at a high rate; and

WHEREAS, Home-educated students score above the national institutional average on achievement tests regardless of their parents' level of formal education or their family's household income; and

WHEREAS, There were an estimated 57,000 home-educated students in grades K-12 in Colorado during the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, The home-educated students in Colorado save taxpayers an estimated \$1 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, The 3.4 million children who are home-educated in the United States today save American taxpayers an estimated \$64 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Parents who have home-educated their children are to be commended for their extraordinary sacrifice and commitment that has produced millions of home-educated graduates who are equipped to be successful and productive citizens because of the values, education, and training they have received from their parents; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor,

thank, and celebrate home educators and their home-educated children of this state and recognize April 9, 2026, as Home Education Day in Colorado.

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