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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19-004

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 4 AS "MISSING**
102 **PERSONS DAY" IN COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of thousands of families are
2 faced with what former President Ronald Reagan called "the stark terror
3 of a unique tragedy": A missing family member; and

4 WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds, someone goes missing in America;
5 approximately 2,300 Americans are reported missing every day, and there
6 are as many as 90,000 active missing persons cases in the United States
7 at any given time; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2017, the FBI's National Crime Information Center
9 logged 651,226 missing person reports; by December 31, 2017, the FBI
10 reported 88,089 active missing persons in the United States, with almost

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1 half being juveniles under the age of 21; and

2 WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing from their families for
3 a number of devastating reasons: They run away or wander and become
4 lost; they disappear under circumstances indicating that their
5 disappearance may not have been voluntary; or they go missing under
6 suspicious circumstances, indicating that they may be in physical danger
7 or the victims of foul play; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2002, former Colorado Governor Bill Owens
9 signed House Bill 02-1083, establishing the AMBER (America's Missing:
10 Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert program in Colorado; named after
11 nine-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and killed in Texas
12 in 1996, the program ensures that local law enforcement agencies can use
13 the Emergency Alert System in Colorado to broadcast information to alert
14 citizens of missing children; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully
16 recovered 941 children nationally; and

17 WHEREAS, For all the important work done to recover missing
18 children, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported
19 on its website in 2017 that 464,324 missing child reports were made to
20 law enforcement in 2017, and the organization lists 78 missing Coloradan
21 children from every area of the state - though all disappeared from their
22 families when they were children, some have been missing for decades;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, While too many families grieve and hope for their
25 missing children, others are in search of their missing family members of
26 all ages; and

27 WHEREAS, According to the Alzheimer's Association, 6 in 10
28 people with Alzheimer's or dementia will wander and may become lost,
29 a frequent and frightening challenge for their caregivers and families; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2007, former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed
31 House Bill 07-1005 into law, which expanded the Silver Alert program
32 for senior citizens to include people with developmental disabilities to
33 connect caretakers with law enforcement officials, who can use the reach
34 of the radio and television stations and other media to alert the
35 community; and

1 WHEREAS, The awareness of citizens, media, and law
2 enforcement, as well as their support, their efforts, and their search for
3 missing persons, must continue; and

4 WHEREAS, The public plays a critical role in the success of the
5 AMBER and Silver Alert programs; they become the eyes and the ears of
6 law enforcement and can be on the lookout for the missing person; and

7 WHEREAS, The common misconception that a person must be
8 absent for at least 24 hours before being legally classified as missing is
9 dangerous; when there is evidence of violence or of an unusual absence,
10 it is critical that an investigation begin promptly; and

11 WHEREAS, New advances in technology must be utilized and
12 made available to locate the missing; and

13 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is committed to the safety and
14 well-being of its citizens, both children and adults; and

15 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
16 will firmly embed the importance of missing persons and their families
17 and friends in our state calendar and will raise a level of awareness with
18 other cities and states that have already designated a Missing Persons
19 Day; and

20 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
21 offers a platform to plan events that will connect families with resources
22 to help identify and find their long-term missing loved ones; and

23 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
24 will ensure that the families and friends of the missing know that they are
25 not alone in this tragedy of uncertainties and lack of closure, which leads
26 to extreme suffering and long-lasting effects on the health, finances, and
27 relationships of those left behind; and

28 WHEREAS, Every missing person is someone's son or daughter,
29 father or mother, brother or sister, or partner or friend, and every missing
30 person deserves to be searched for and found; now, therefore,

31 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*
32 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
33 *concurring herein:*

1 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the
2 epidemic of the missing in America as "The Silent Mass Disaster" and
3 empathize with the ongoing suffering of the families and friends of those
4 who are missing;

5 (2) That we recognize the importance of raising awareness of the
6 numbers of people who go missing in Colorado each year;

7 (3) That we applaud the committed efforts of families, law
8 enforcement agencies, and concerned citizens who work to locate missing
9 persons;

10 (4) That we encourage the continued support of worthy initiatives
11 and private and public programs to increase efforts to locate missing
12 persons;

13 (5) That we hereby designate February 4 of each year as Missing
14 Persons Day and support the goals and ideals of the day; and

15 (6) That we acknowledge the names, and the families, of the
16 Coloradans who are currently missing and have been missing for at least
17 one year: Christopher Abeyta, Edward Abeyta, Victor Abeyta, Billy
18 Ables, Luis Acosta, Lorraine Aguilar-Highpipe, Dora Alcaraz, Jorge
19 Alcocer-Soto, Katherine Allen, Matthew Allison, Victor Alvarado,
20 Veronica Alvarado-Carvajal, Daniela Amaro, Bryan Ambrose, Roger
21 Ampbell, Uvaldo Anaya, Keith R. Anderson, Isabella Annibal, Tiannah
22 Annibal, Henneszy Anthony, Nathanie Antone, Pauline Aragon, Zariyah
23 Arellano, Mikequell Asberry-Campbell, Eric Ashby, Cynthia L.
24 Atterberry, Joaquin Aviles-Silva, Myriam Azila, Mark Baca, Gayle Baird,
25 Brandon Baker, Victoria Bakhtiari, Alexandra Banda, Isabella Barajas,
26 Linda Barker, Taylor Barker, Gayla Barnes, Katherine Barnum, Mario
27 Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Barrett, Alondra Barron, Tracy Bastion, Barbara
28 Baumann, Richard Beebe, Stephanie Benitez, Angelaquic Benson,
29 Pamela Bera, David Berger, Gloria Berreth, Casey Berry, Abby Blagg,
30 Marie Blee, Robert Bockmann, Dwayne Bogan, Richard Boldman, Mark
31 Bonner, Lesley Border, Robert Bowling, Arthur Brandes, Jeffrey
32 Branford, William Brennan, Declan Brothy, Austin Bryant, Edward
33 Bryant, Colleen Burgess, Trinita Burrell, Sherry Bynum, Fred Cain,
34 Tacolby Calloway, Dena Candelario, Luis Carbajal-Ardon, Rocky
35 Carpenter, Gregory Carter, Timothy Case, Darisleidy Castillo, Olga
36 Castillo, Rosalinda Castro-Mendoza, Jennifer Castro-Perdomo, Autumn
37 Cerenil, Kenneth Chacon, David Chambers, Michael Chastain, Francisco

1 Chavez, Gladys Chilel-Romero, Lorenzo Chivers, Aldo Cid-Perez, John
2 Cizek, Benjamin Clark, Earl Clark, Randall Clark, Derek Colburn, Ray
3 Collins, Michaela Coniker, Martin Conley, David Cook, Thomas Cook,
4 Timothy Copley, Patricia Cordova, Shaun Cordova, Jamie Cortez,
5 Charlene Cramer, Peter Culhane, Julie Cunningham, Amy Dabalos,
6 Starlett Daily, Maurice Dametz, James Dean, Julia Dearemt, Louis
7 Deherrera, Angelica Delatorre, Kenneth Delgarmo, Fabian Delrosario,
8 Alissia Dizard, Nonnie Dotson, Jennifer Douglas, Rex Douglas,
9 Stephanie Drnovsek, Charles Duke, Robert Egnatovich, Steve Einspahr,
10 Caleb Elaayi, Somaya Elaayi, Bobby Eldridge, Roger Ellison, Bekime
11 Elshani, Maria Emeterio, Dyani Encinias, Michael Engels, Stephanie
12 Enriquez-Bautista, Oscar Escoto-Rodriguez, Pauline Fajardo, Daniel
13 Faust, Elaine Fauver, Felicia Fellow, Christopher Fellows, J.D. Ferguson,
14 William Ferguson, Eugene Fish, Stephanie Fladgard, Analeighya Flores,
15 Blanca Flores, Jazlynn Flores, William Flores, Joselyn Fonseca, Jeffrey
16 Fossum, Brittney Franklin, Christopher Frazier, Elwood Friesen, Joseph
17 Fualau, Hilga Gallegos, Mary Gallegos, Robert Gallegos, Zavalo
18 Gallegos, Antoinette Galloway-Johnson, Ailena Garcia, Enrico Garcia,
19 Anthony Garland, Shaida Ghaemi, Etienne Giassivi, Deja Gleason,
20 Meliza Gomes, Phillip Gomez, Robert Gomez-Lopez, Jorge Gonzalez,
21 Monserrat Gonzalez, Patricia Gonzalez, Marvin Gonzales-Coello, Susana
22 Gonzalez-Loya, Carlos Gonzalez-Madrid, Elisabeth Goodspeed, Jack
23 Gordon, Lucas Gordon, Blanca Govea-Ibarra, Alector Gray, Benjamin
24 Gray, Kailyn Greunke, Sean Gribble, John Gruber, Jaelyn Gruenbaum,
25 Anthony Guerra, Alex Guevara-Abrego, Patricia Gutierrez, Rita
26 Gutierrez-Garcia, Ahava Haim, Norma Halford, Prestlie Hall, Joseph
27 Halpern, James Hampton, Tommy Harrell, Patrick Harris, Christopher
28 Harvey, Evan Hawley, Jon Haynes, Abbie Heffner, Mitchell Hein, Ronda
29 Henrichsen, Deborah Heriford, Ana Hernandez, Magdaly Hernandez,
30 Mariah Hernandez, Stephannie Hernandez, Baby Herrera, Isabelle
31 Herrera, Mario Herrera, Dwight Herron, Martin Hobson, Paul Hodgden,
32 Kyle Hollingsworth, Daniel Holloway, Nathaniel Holmes, Sean Holmes,
33 Daphne Hope, Rusty Hubbard, Theresa Hubbard, Joyce Hunter, Michael
34 Hunter, William Hurtado, Iris Igbinedion, Alva Iglesias, Carl Jackson,
35 Douglas Jackson, Lindsey Jackson, Ashley James, Brian James, Russel
36 Jaramillo, Dorothy Jenkins, Sipriano Jiminez, Kaili Johnson, Jaylynn
37 Juoni, Benjamin Kalina, Rebecca Kellison, Karelis Kentish, Seth Kienzle,
38 Sandra Killian, Walter Kimoto, Richard Kirk, David Kramer, Ronald
39 Kuetemeier, Chad Kugler, Araya Kuskie, Sir Kuskie, Caleb Lammers,
40 Lori Layman, Jamie Legoretta, Edith Lehnerz, Charles Leighton, Silas
41 Leighton, John Lenihan, Andy Lepley, Michael Lewis, Patricia Lilly,
42 Haylee Lincoln, Jennifer Lockwood, Andrea Lopez, Hector Lopez, Sergio

1 Lopez, Jaime Lopez-Arenas, Maria Lopez-Orzuna, Alanis Lozano, Laurie
2 Lucas, Johnny Lucero, Angel Machado, Jozetta Madrid, Devin Maes,
3 Dynesty Maes, Luis Maes, Felipe Maestas, Yvonne Maestas, John
4 Mahaffey, Rubina Malik, Brandi Malonson, Jennifer Marcum, Madai
5 Marentes, Angel Marquez-Rivas, Juan Martin, Patrick Martindale,
6 Asencion Martinez, Cynthia Martinez, Steven Martinez, Melmy Matos,
7 Jonelle Matthews, Natyli McChesney, Penny McClees, Beverly McCool,
8 Mark McCracken, Jaden McGilberry, Oscar McNear, Alejandro Medina,
9 Carla Medina, Crystal Medina, Kimberly Medina, Albaro Medino, April
10 Medrano, Linda Medrano, Douglas Meer, Mauricio Mejia, Zamora
11 Mejjivar, Enrique Mendez, Lourdes Mendoza-Morilla, Anastasia
12 Mercedes, Michael Meter, Paul Michals, Thomas Michaud, Evelyn
13 Middleton, Roger Mikkelsen, Elizabeth Miller, Rachelle Miller, Daniel
14 Miranda, John Miranda, Justin Moder, Rudolf Moder, Brian Moore,
15 Richard Mora, Richard Morgan, Lekiesha Morris, Shanti Motry, Anthony
16 Moya, Saidi Muborama, Kenneth Mueller, Irma Muneton-Cueto, Robert
17 Myer, Jesus Nava, Pamela Neal, Nanci Nelson, Mackenzie Ness, Karla
18 Nevarez, Carl Newcomb, Kara Nichols, Mary Niemi, John Northup,
19 Jegeon Nunn, Geraldine Obregon-Gingles, Lee Ochs, Joseph Oftlee,
20 Maria Olea, Stephanie Olivares, Denise Oliverson, Lawrence Olmstead,
21 Ever Orozco-Salcido, Bhayron Ortiz, Jessica Ortiz, Kent Osburn, Brian
22 Oshaughnessy, Charnene Owens, Nehemiah Padilla, Robbie Paramio,
23 Alyssa Parkin, Wendy Parra, Michael Parsons, Julia Pastor-Raymunda,
24 Aarshiya Patil, Jiaa Patil, Sandra Patterson, James Percy, Gilberto
25 Perez-Cervantes, Mark Peters, Tom Phifer, Tyler Phillips, Robert Pillsen,
26 Sonia Pineda-Magana, Gary Pino, Gerri Polk, Dustin Poole, Lea Porter,
27 Diana Portillo, Kingston Powell, Elijah Powens, Eric Pracht, Jacqueline
28 Prieto, Alejandro Quinones-Zapaico, Mayra Ramirez, Erendida Ramos,
29 Ligia Ramos, Jose Rascon-Avila, Dolores Raygoza, Dylan Redwine,
30 Keith Reinhard, Kim Rimmel, Ivan Renteria, Jasmyne Renz, Lewis
31 Reyair, Ricci Reylolds, Maurice Reynolds, Ian Richardson, Sergio
32 Rios-Castillo, Alex Rivera, Greer Rivera, Richard Roberts, Nikolas
33 Roche, Arley Rodriguez, Omar Rodriguez, Crystal Rodriguez-Varela,
34 Georgia Rohner, Kimberly Rojo, Rylee Romero, Raniro Romo, Mayra
35 Romo-Hernandez, Martha Rooks, Gary Rose, Evelyn Ruelas, Andres
36 Ruiz, Darrell Russell-Beutler, Aubrey Sacco, Christian Salazar, Alon
37 Salby, Aliviya Sanchez, Allan Sanchez, Mario Sanchez, Michael
38 Sanchez, Victoria Sanchez, Angelica Sandoval, Dakota Sandoval, Rosa
39 Santillan, Kail Saylor, Kelsie Schelling, Douglass Schliske, Teresa
40 Schmidt, James Schomer, Nathan Schultz, Robert Scott, Jose Segura,
41 Byron Settles, Jessica Shoemake, Rachel Sholly, Christina Sigala,
42 Roberto Silva-Perez, Nicole Silvers, Ashley Simmons, Eddie Simmons,

1 Gene Simmons, John Simons, Jennifer Singh, Sharon Singh, Ronald
2 Sisneros, Sara Skandunas, Paul Skiba, Sarah Skiba, Toni Smedley, Shay
3 Smith, Asanee Soithong, Gabrielle Solano, Guy Solano, Kimberli
4 Solis-Fajardo, Gerald Sollenbarger, Maria Sood, Briana Sosa, Ruby
5 Sotelo, Julie Stefanek, Mitchell Stehling, Angela Stevens, Joy Stewart,
6 Melinda Stewart, Lucas Stinchcomb, Lashaya Stine, Daryl Stockert,
7 Servaas Stokvis, Leval Storey, Raymond Stubblefield, Carla Suarez,
8 Matthew Sueper, Clinton Sutton, Patience Tailey, Ethan Tarran, Ctormy
9 Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Morgan Teff, Yugui Terraza, Angel Terrazas-Canas,
10 Jazmyne Terry-Nunnelley, Lori Thiel, Joan Thomas, Aarone Thompson,
11 Alberto Torres, William Torres, Martin Torres-Hernandez, Nicholle
12 Torrez, Angelo Trujillo, Daniel Trujillo, Shane Turner, Cruz Urbina, Alan
13 Valdez, Yaritza Valdez, Brandi Vardas, Sabrina Vasquez, Annysa Vega,
14 Sheranique Vejill-Roberts, Alex Velasquez-Chavez, Odell Vest, Amadeo
15 Vigil, Chris Vigil, Robert Vigil, Roger Vigil, Charlene Voight, Micahel
16 Walczak, Darlene Wallace, Larry Watts, Kareana Webster, Liliana
17 Weide, Jonathan Wheby, James Whitaker, Aliyah White, Tatyana White,
18 Adele Whitedress, Jennifer Widders, Kathy Wilkerson, Ian Willcoxon,
19 Dale Williams, Stephanie Williams, Donald Willis, Barbara Wilson,
20 Wendy Wisner, Timothy Witt, Ronald Wood, William Worley, Birch
21 Wright, Robert Wright, Christian Wurzner, Puc Xooc, Pu Ying, Harold
22 Young, Bret Younger, Paez Zamora, Victoria Zamora, and Leland Zook.

23 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
24 to Voices of Victims; Families of Homicide Victims and Missing
25 Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP); Colorado Victims for Justice; the Colorado
26 Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA); and the Colorado Bureau
27 of Investigation.