

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-1006

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## CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO 4-H DAY.

WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H Youth Development program is founded on the notion that youth are a vital resource for ensuring a better tomorrow, and assisting youth as they prepare for the future is the 4-H program's central mission; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H program is an integral part of Colorado State University Extension and is fundamental to the land-grant university mission; and

WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth between the ages of 5 and 19 from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds; and WHEREAS, More than 107,000 Colorado youth, with the guidance of more than 11,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in career exploration through their 4-H projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H grows young people who have essential life skills like confidence, courage, resilience, and curiosity and who are empowered and prepared for life today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H programs are:

- Four times more likely to make contributions to their communities; and
- Two times more likely to be civically engaged, to make healthier choices, and to participate in after-school STEM programs; 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 the General Assembly salutes the Colorado 4-H program, in partnership with Colorado State University Extension, in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future by providing a wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication skills in a hands-on, friendly learning environment;

(2) That the General Assembly encourages young people in Colorado to get a head start in life by participating in 4-H activities; and

(3) That the General Assembly hereby declares Monday, January 27, 2025, to be "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

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*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor Jared Polis and Colorado's Commissioner of Agriculture, Kate Greenberg.

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