



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-1016

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 12, 2016, AS A DAY TO CELEBRATE COLORADO'S PUREBRED DOGS.

WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are bred to maintain specific breed characteristics, which makes a breed's temperament and behavior more predictable, from barking to retrieving to protecting to friendliness with strangers; and

WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and every breed was developed with a purpose in mind; and

WHEREAS, Historically, these dogs have worked alongside their people and provided them companionship; and

WHEREAS, Today, the service of these breeds continues as they work alongside humans and provide companionship beyond measure while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, therapy dogs, conservation dogs, livestock guardians, search-and-rescue dogs, earth dogs, police dogs, canine soldiers serving by the sides of our military men and women, and ultimately guardians of family, home, and hearth; and

WHEREAS, Purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the human and canine genomes, and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

WHEREAS, Purebred dogs are working dogs, serving as avalanche dogs, trackers and trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers, protectors, hunters, and bird dogs, and always they are the heartbeat of a companion near and dear to humans; and

WHEREAS, All dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

WHEREAS, Each breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as surely as that culture's music, art, and language; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the General Assembly, on April 12, 2016, proudly recognize and celebrate Colorado's purebred dogs and the many service and companion benefits they provide in Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Honorable Governor John Hickenlooper; Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Don Brown; the members of Colorado's congressional delegation; Sheila Goffe, Director of Government Relations for the American Kennel Club; and the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs.

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