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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-004

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 25, 2016, AS COLORADO**
102 **4-H DAY.**

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

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

8 WHEREAS, More than 110,000 Colorado youth, with the
9 guidance of nearly 12,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently
10 contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in

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1 workforce preparation and career exploration through their 4-H projects
2 and activities; and

3 WHEREAS, The Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth
4 Development program has engaged AmeriCorps members in providing
5 service to Colorado youth through the Science, Technology, Engineering,
6 and Mathematics out-of-school time program that will contribute to
7 increased likelihood of high school graduation; and

8 WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns \$45 million annually to the
9 Colorado economy and adds \$31 million in volunteer time, resulting in a
10 ten-fold return on investment over the cost to conduct the program; and

11 WHEREAS, A decade-long longitudinal study of positive youth
12 development showed that, compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H
13 programs are:

- 14 ! Four times more likely to make contributions to their
15 communities;
- 16 ! Two times more likely to be civically active;
- 17 ! Two times more likely to make healthier choices; and
- 18 ! Two times more likely to participate in science,
19 engineering and computer technology programs during
20 out-of-school time; and

21 WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth
22 between the ages of 5 and 19 from all economic, social, and cultural
23 backgrounds; now, therefore,

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

26 That we, the General Assembly:

27 (1) Salute the Colorado 4-H program in its efforts to prepare
28 Colorado's youth for the future, providing a wealth of opportunities for
29 young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication
30 skills, as well as a host of other life skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning
31 environment;

32 (2) Commend Colorado State University Extension for its work
33 in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;

1 (3) Recognize the invaluable contribution of the thousands of
2 adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado
3 youth; and

4 (4) Encourage young people in Colorado to get a head start on life
5 by participating in 4-H activities.

6 *Be It Further Resolved*, That the General Assembly hereby
7 declares this day, January 25, 2016, "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition
8 of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.