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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-019**

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 15, 2016, AS "COLORADO**  
102 **ARC DAY".**

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1 WHEREAS, The days of forcing people with intellectual and  
2 developmental disabilities into institutions are largely over; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 80,000 Coloradans with intellectual and  
4 developmental disabilities now live, go to school, and work in our  
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than 60 years The Arc has advocated for  
7 community supports and services for people with intellectual and  
8 developmental disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, With 13 local chapters across the state, The Arc of

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 Colorado works every day to help children and adults with intellectual  
2 and developmental disabilities, their families, and other advocates to  
3 improve the service delivery system; and

4 WHEREAS, The Arc believes people with intellectual and  
5 developmental disabilities are defined by their strengths, abilities, and  
6 inherent value and not by their disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, The Arc believes people with intellectual and  
8 developmental disabilities belong in the community and have  
9 fundamental moral, civil, and constitutional rights to be fully included  
10 and to actively participate in all aspects of society; and

11 WHEREAS, The Arc knows that people with intellectual and  
12 developmental disabilities, with appropriate resources and supports, can  
13 make decisions about their own lives and must be heard on issues  
14 affecting their lives; and

15 WHEREAS, The Arc is committed to working with the Colorado  
16 General Assembly, the administration, and state agencies as well as all  
17 partners providing advocacy, services, and support for people with  
18 intellectual and developmental disabilities to increase resources and  
19 improve systems so that people can live productive, healthy lives in the  
20 community; now, therefore,

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

23 (1) That we express our most sincere and deepest appreciation for  
24 the men and women at Colorado chapters of The Arc for their  
25 commitment to supporting and improving the quality of life for  
26 Coloradans with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

27 (2) That we hereby declare March 15, 2016, to be "Colorado Arc  
28 Day".

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
30 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia; Mr.  
31 Peter V. Berns, Chief Executive Officer, The Arc of the United States;  
32 Ms. Marijo Rymer, Executive Director, The Arc of Colorado; Ms. Aileen  
33 McGinley, Executive Director, Advocacy Denver; Ms. Linda Skaflen,  
34 Executive Director, The Arc of Adams County; Ms. Darla Stuart,

1 Executive Director, The Arc of Aurora; Ms. Lori Ropa, Executive  
2 Director, The Arc - Jefferson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties; Ms.  
3 Marilee Boylan, Executive Director, The Arc of Larimer County; Mr.  
4 Keith Larsen, Executive Director, The Arc of Mesa County; Ms. Carol  
5 Meredith, Executive Director, The Arc of Arapahoe and Douglas  
6 Counties; Ms. Ailsa Wonnacott, Executive Director, The Association for  
7 Community Living in Boulder County; Mr. Wilfred Romero, Executive  
8 Director, The Arc of the Pikes Peak Region; Ms. Stephanie Garcia,  
9 Executive Director, The Arc of Pueblo; Mr. Larry McDermott, Executive  
10 Director, The Arc of Weld County; Mr. Joe Kusar, President, The Arc of  
11 Southwest Colorado; Ms. Danielle Angotti, President, The Arc of West  
12 Central Colorado; Ms. Brooke Hayden, Executive Director, Blue Peaks  
13 Developmental Services, Inc.; Mr. Michael F. Atlas-Acuña, Executive  
14 Director, Colorado Bluesky Enterprises, Inc.; Ms. Tara Kiene,  
15 President/Chief Executive Officer, Community Connections, Inc.; Mr.  
16 Tom Turner, Executive Director, Community Options, Inc.; Ms. Beverly  
17 Winters, Executive Director, Developmental Disabilities Resource  
18 Center; Ms. Melanie Worley, Chief Executive Officer, Developmental  
19 Pathways; Ms. Rhonda Roth, Executive Director, Eastern Colorado  
20 Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc.; Ms. Mary Lu Walton,  
21 Executive Director, Envision; Mr. John Haley, President, Foothills  
22 Gateway; Mr. Robert L. Grover, President, Horizons Specialized  
23 Services; Mr. Mark Emery, Executive Director, Imagine!; Mr. Johnnie  
24 DeLeon, Chief Executive Officer, Inspiration Field; Mr. Bruce  
25 Christensen, Executive Director, Mountain Valley Developmental  
26 Services; Mr. Randy Brodersen, Executive Director, North Metro  
27 Community Services, Inc.; Ms. Shari Rapinski, Interim Chief Executive  
28 Officer, Mountain Human Services; Mr. Duane Roy, Executive Director,  
29 Southern Colorado Developmental Services; Ms. Loretta Johnson,  
30 President, Southeastern Developmental Services, Inc.; Mr. Robert Arnold,  
31 Chief Executive Officer, Starpoint; Ms. Sharon Jacksi, Interim Chief  
32 Executive Officer, Strive; Mr. David A. Ervin, Executive Director, The  
33 Resource Exchange; Mr. Josh Rael, Executive Director, Alliance; Mary  
34 Anne Harvey, Executive Director, Disability Law Colorado; Dr. Sandra  
35 Friedman, Director of JFK Partners, University of Colorado School of  
36 Medicine; and Marcia Tewell, Executive Director, Colorado  
37 Developmental Disabilities Council.