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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-014

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2, 2017, AS "COLORADO**
102 **ARC DAY".**

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, attend 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.
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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, state agencies, and all partners providing advocacy,
17 services, and support for people with intellectual and developmental
18 disabilities to increase resources and improve systems so that people can
19 live productive, healthy lives in the community; now, therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly*
21 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*
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23 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

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

28 (2) Hereby declare March 2, 2017, to be "Colorado Arc Day".

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
30 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynn; Mr.
31 Peter V. Berns, Chief Executive Officer, the Arc of the United States;
32 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; Ms.
4 Tanya Skalecki, 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; Ms. Liz Mora, Executive Director, the
11 Arc of Southwest Colorado; Ms. Mariah Emond, Executive Director, the
12 Arc of West Central Colorado; Mr. Josh Rael, Executive Director,
13 Alliance; Ms. Mary Anne Harvey, Executive Director, Disability Law
14 Colorado; Dr. Sandra Friedman, Director of JFK Partners at the
15 University of Colorado School of Medicine; and Marcia Tewell,
16 Executive Director, Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council.