

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-third General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-004**

101 **CONCERNING A TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST REGULAR**  
102 **SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

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1           WHEREAS, On March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared  
2 a state of epidemic disaster emergency in Colorado due to the COVID-19  
3 pandemic; the governor has subsequently renewed the declaration of a  
4 statewide public health disaster emergency approximately every 30 days  
5 since the initial declaration; and the declaration of a statewide public  
6 health disaster emergency remains in place at this time; and

7           WHEREAS, With the Governor's declaration of a statewide public  
8 health disaster emergency, the provisions of Joint Rule 44 of the Joint  
9 Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives became effective and  
10 remain in effect at this time; and

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

1           WHEREAS, As of January 13, 2021, the Colorado Department of  
2 Public Health and Environment reported that there have been 366,774  
3 people infected with COVID-19 in Colorado, 4,386 people in Colorado  
4 have died of the virus, 814 people are hospitalized in Colorado with the  
5 virus, and 73% of the intensive care unit hospital beds in Colorado are in  
6 use for persons who are infected with the virus; and

7           WHEREAS, As of January 13, 2021, 60 of the 64 counties in  
8 Colorado were at "level orange: high risk" on the state COVID dial,  
9 which is based on the incidence of COVID-19 infections, the positivity  
10 rate for COVID-19 testing, and the number of hospitalizations for  
11 COVID-19 infection; and

12           WHEREAS, As of January 13, 2021, 51 counties had a two-week  
13 cumulative incidence rate of 350 COVID-19 cases for every 100,000  
14 people; and

15           WHEREAS, As of January 13, 2021, 44 counties had a two-week  
16 average positivity testing rate greater than five percent; for 12 of those  
17 counties, the positivity rate was over 10%; and for three of those counties,  
18 the positivity rate was over 15%; and

19           WHEREAS, National health experts have warned that the states  
20 may experience a post-holiday surge in COVID-19 infections, which  
21 would likely be evident within the month of January; and

22           WHEREAS, Temporarily adjourning the General Assembly will  
23 help to protect legislators, legislative staff, and members of the public  
24 from potential exposure to COVID-19 by postponing the large gatherings  
25 that accompany committee hearings and floor proceedings until the  
26 General Assembly reconvenes in mid-February, at which time legislators,  
27 legislative staff, and the public will be able to more safely congregate and  
28 participate in activities of the legislative session; now, therefore,

29           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*  
30 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*  
31 *concurring herein:*

32           That, when the General Assembly temporarily adjourns on January  
33 15, 2021, it shall adjourn until 10:00 A.M. on February 16, 2021, unless,  
34 before said date, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
35 of Representatives issue a joint statement recalling the General Assembly

1 back into the first regular session of the Seventy-third General Assembly  
2 before said date or extending the temporary adjournment to a later date  
3 as determined by the President and the Speaker.