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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.**

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

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HOUSE
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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.