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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-023

101 **CONCERNING COLORADO "PUBLIC LANDS DAY", AND, IN CONNECTION**
102 **THEREWITH, RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2021, AS THE FIFTH ANNUAL**
103 **"PUBLIC LANDS DAY" IN COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, In May 2016, Colorado became the first state in the
2 nation to establish a state holiday for our public lands when the Colorado
3 General Assembly passed a bill establishing the third Saturday in May as
4 "Public Lands Day"; and

5 WHEREAS, The bill passed with bipartisan support and was
6 signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper, and the inaugural event was
7 celebrated on May 20, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, "Public Lands Day" is a day to celebrate our public
9 lands as vital resources providing clean water, protecting wildlife

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1 habitats, and offering many recreation opportunities; and

2 WHEREAS, "Public Lands Day" is also a day to celebrate how our
3 public lands are central to our economy and our quality of life; and

4 WHEREAS, Communities and businesses in Colorado that thrive
5 around public lands fuel a bustling outdoor recreation economy that
6 supports nearly 230,000 local jobs and contributes more than \$28 billion
7 in consumer spending per year; and

8 WHEREAS, 2021 marks the fifth anniversary of the celebration
9 of "Public Lands Day"; now, therefore,

10 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*
11 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
12 *concurring herein:*

13 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
14 recognize May 15, 2021, as the Fifth Annual Colorado "Public Lands
15 Day", and we encourage all Coloradans to mark the occasion by joining
16 one of the many events around the state to learn about Colorado public
17 lands and by getting outside and enjoying our state parks.