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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23-005

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 4 AS "MISSING**
102 **PERSONS DAY" IN COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of thousands of families are
2 faced with what former President Ronald Reagan called "the stark terror
3 of a unique tragedy" - a missing family member; and

4 WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds, someone goes missing in the
5 United States; approximately 2,300 Americans are reported missing every
6 day, and there are as many as 90,000 active missing persons cases in the
7 United States at any given time; and

8 WHEREAS, As of December 31, 2022, the Federal Bureau of
9 Investigation reported 97,127 active missing persons cases in the United
10 States, with a large portion being juveniles under the age of 21; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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1 WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing for a number of
2 reasons: They run away or wander and become lost; they disappear under
3 circumstances indicating that their disappearance may not have been
4 voluntary; or they go missing under suspicious circumstances, indicating
5 that they may be in physical danger or the victims of foul play; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2002, then-Colorado Governor Bill Owens signed
7 House Bill 02-1083, establishing the AMBER (America's Missing:
8 Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert program in Colorado. Named after
9 nine-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and killed in Texas
10 in 1996, the program ensures that local law enforcement agencies can use
11 Colorado's Emergency Alert System to broadcast information to alert
12 citizens of missing children; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully
14 recovered 1,127 children; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Missing and
16 Exploited Children, 337,195 missing child reports were made to law
17 enforcement in 2021. The organization currently lists 57 missing children
18 from Colorado, from every area of the state. While all disappeared from
19 their families when they were children, some have been missing for
20 decades; and

21 WHEREAS, Too many families grieve, hope, and continue to
22 search for missing family members of all ages; and

23 WHEREAS, The awareness, support, and efforts of citizens,
24 media, and law enforcement related to the search for missing persons
25 must continue; and

26 WHEREAS, The public plays a critical role in the success of the
27 AMBER and other alert programs. As the eyes and ears of law
28 enforcement, they can be on the lookout for missing persons; and

29 WHEREAS, The common misconception that a person must be
30 absent for at least 24 hours before being legally classified as missing is
31 dangerous; when there is evidence of violence or of an unusual absence,
32 it is critical that an investigation begin promptly; and

33 WHEREAS, New advances in technology must be utilized and
34 made available to locate the missing; and

1 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is committed to the safety and
2 well-being of its citizens, both children and adults; and

3 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
4 firmly embeds the importance of missing persons and their families and
5 friends in our state calendar and may help raise awareness in cities and
6 states that have not designated a Missing Persons Day; and

7 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
8 offers a platform to plan events that will connect families with resources
9 to help identify and find their missing loved ones; and

10 WHEREAS, The designation of Missing Persons Day in Colorado
11 ensures that the families and friends of the missing know that they are not
12 alone in their tragedy, uncertainty, and lack of closure, which lead to
13 long-lasting suffering and impacts on the health, finances, and
14 relationships of those left behind; and

15 WHEREAS, Every missing person is someone's child, parent,
16 sibling, partner, or friend, and every missing person deserves to be
17 searched for and found; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General*
19 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
20 *concurring herein:*

21 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the
22 epidemic of the missing in the United States as what the U.S. Department
23 of Justice calls "The Silent Mass Disaster" and empathize with the
24 ongoing suffering of the families and friends of those who are missing;

25 (2) That we recognize the importance of raising awareness of the
26 number of people who go missing in Colorado each year;

27 (3) That we applaud the committed efforts of families, law
28 enforcement agencies, and concerned citizens who work to locate missing
29 persons;

30 (4) That we encourage continued support of initiatives and private
31 and public programs to increase efforts to locate missing persons;

32 (5) That we hereby continue to designate February 4 of each year

1 as Missing Persons Day and support the goals and ideals of the day; and

2 (6) That we acknowledge the names and the families of the
3 Coloradans who are currently missing: Christopher Enoch Abeyta, Victor
4 Abeyta, Terri Ackerman, Jonathan Acosta, Luis Acosta, Dennis Terry
5 Adams, Patricia A. Adams, Rosie Louise Adams, Erika Patris
6 Aguilar-Bargales, Dora Alcaraz, Emilio Alegria-Martinez, Falon Nicole
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11 Arciniega, Miranda Arellano, Samuel Arellano, Cynthia L. Atterberry,
12 Lane Aurelius Springer, John Austin, Joaquin David Aviles-Silva, Eliaz
13 Ayala, Gayle Katrina Baird, Alicia Jean Banks-Newton, Adrian Barajas,
14 Madison Ivory Barkdoll, Linda J. Barker, Gayla Jean Barnes, Katherine
15 Sue Barnum, Mario Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Kay Barrett, Anthony
16 Barron Sandoval, Tracy Jay Bastion, Lauri Lynn Bath, Barbara Jean
17 Bauman, Richard Beebe, Kimberly Bell, Pamela Sue Bera, David Gerard
18 Berger, Gloria Berreth, Virginia Antonia Berry, Casey Berry, Nathan
19 Blaes, Abby Blagg, Michael Blair, Lillian Rose Blair, Alexis Blasingime,
20 Marie Ann Blee, Robert Bockmann, Dwayne Bogan, Richard Eugene
21 Boldman, Dorina L. Bollig, Mark Allen Bonner, Bayleigh Boughton,
22 Brandon Lane Bowles, Robert James Bowling, Stacey Boyd, Arthur
23 Brandes, Luis Alberto Bravo-Gomez, William W. Brennan, Derek M.
24 Brock, Deborah Brock Way, Megan Danielle Brown, Nevasiah
25 Browning, Austin E. Bryant, Edward D. Bryant, Colleen K. Burgess,
26 Sherry D. Bynum, Omar Caballero Regalado, Fred Cain, Anna Calder,
27 Marlen Yarit Calderon-Serrano, Mercedes Calipo-Jaramillo, Bryan
28 Carroll Campbell, Dena Angelique Candelario, Aletha Capps, Selvin
29 Moises Cardoza-Vega, Rocky Charles Carpenter, Gregory John Carter,
30 Reyes Ismael Casanova-Molina, Timothy Case, Paul George Casseday,
31 Michael Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Darisleidy Castillo, Jennifer C.
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33 Caroline Chaffin, David Chambers, Samantha Gislem Chaparro, Michael
34 Chastain, Samuel Chavez Rodriguez, Carol Jean Chavez, Rommin James
35 Markus Child, Lorenzo Deshawn Chivers, Aldo Cid-Perez, Jasmin
36 Cigarroa, John Cizek, Benjamin Dubreath Clark, Earl Tex Clark, Randall
37 Serrine Clark, Shelby Clark, Tyrese Clark, Javon Classen, Michael John
38 Coe, Derek Colburn, Josue Collardo Peleaz, Ray Collins, Haylee Lynn
39 Kristine Combs, Ronald Compton, Martin Conley, Michael Steven Conn,
40 David James Cook, Thomas Randal Cook, Timothy Lee Copley, Patricia
41 Ann Cordova, Shaun Wayne Cordova, Jamie Cortez, Charlene Cramer,

1 Nevaeh Crawford, Jose Angel Cruz Perez, Juan Ramon Miralda Cuevas,
2 Julie L. Cunningham, Amy Dabalos, Maurice Gordon Dametz, Danielle
3 Lee Danford, Keisha Dinell Daniels, Theresa Mondragon Davila, Alicia
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5 Decker, Louis Deherrera, Darren Deleal, Kenneth Delgarmo, Fabion
6 Delrosario, Dustin Douglas Denhartog, Jessa Ann Diaz, Joel Diaz, Dallas
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17 Caroline Sacco, Dempsey Sala, Mario Fernando Sanchez, Michael
18 Sanchez, Angelica Esperanza Sandoval, Kelsie Schelling, Douglass
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7 Harold Young, Iris-Yolani Zaldivar, Rafael Zapata, Walter Alan
8 Zebelman, Steven Alan Zielinski, and Leland Zook.

9 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
10 to Voices of Victims; Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons
11 (FOHVAMP); Colorado Victims for Justice; the Colorado Organization
12 for Victim Assistance (COVA); and the Colorado Bureau of
13 Investigation.