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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23-007**

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 13, 2023, AS "COLORADO**  
102 **AEROSPACE DAY".**

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1           WHEREAS, Our nation and the world have significantly  
2 benefitted from technological and scientific advancements resulting from  
3 space exploration and aerospace activities; and

4           WHEREAS, Colorado ranks first in the nation for aerospace  
5 employment concentration; and

6           WHEREAS, There are over 34,000 Coloradans who are directly  
7 employed in aerospace, with the aerospace cluster supporting over  
8 240,000 jobs; and

9           WHEREAS, Colorado is home to the nation's top aerospace

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1 companies, including Ball Aerospace, Boeing, L3Harris, Lockheed  
2 Martin Space, Maxar Technologies, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon,  
3 Sierra Space, and United Launch Alliance, and close to 500 additional  
4 companies that support the aerospace sector by providing services and  
5 developing products, including spacecraft, launch vehicles, satellites,  
6 command and control software, sensors, and navigation operations; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorado is a strategic location for national space and  
8 cyber activity, with five key military commands: North American  
9 Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the United States Northern  
10 Command, the United States Strategic Command's Joint Functional  
11 Component Command for Space Missile Warning Center, the United  
12 States Space Command, and the United States Army Space and Missile  
13 Defense Command/ Army Forces Strategic Command, as well as three  
14 space-related United States Space Force bases: Buckley, Peterson, and  
15 Schriever; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Air Force Academy, along with  
17 Colorado's colleges and universities, including the University of Colorado  
18 Boulder, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado School of  
19 Mines, Colorado State University, Metropolitan State University of  
20 Denver, University of Denver, Colorado Mesa University, and Fort Lewis  
21 College, provides access to world-class aerospace-related degrees and  
22 offers aerospace companies one of the country's most educated  
23 workforces; and

24 WHEREAS, Various organizations are key to Colorado's  
25 prominence in aerospace, such as the American Institute of Aeronautics  
26 and Astronautics, the world's largest aerospace technical society; the  
27 Colorado Space Coalition, a group of industry stakeholders working to  
28 grow and promote Colorado as a center of excellence for aerospace; the  
29 Colorado chapter of Citizens for Space Exploration, housed within the  
30 Colorado Business Roundtable, whose mission is to promote better  
31 understanding of aerospace and its importance in our economy and daily  
32 lives, as well as promoting the importance of human space exploration;  
33 and the Colorado Space Business Roundtable, an organization that works  
34 to convene stakeholders from industry, government, and academia to  
35 advance aerospace business and workforce opportunities throughout the  
36 state. Together these organizations form the Colorado chapter of the  
37 Aerospace States Association, a nonpartisan organization of lieutenant  
38 governors and associate members from aerospace organizations and  
39 academia who represent states' interests in federal aerospace and aviation

1 policy development led by Colorado Lieutenant Governor Dianne  
2 Primavera; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition, the Colorado Air and Space Port, located  
4 east of the Denver International Airport, seeks to serve as America's hub  
5 for commercial space transportation, research, and development; this  
6 horizontal launch facility will have the potential to become the foundation  
7 for a global suborbital transportation network connecting Colorado  
8 globally; now, therefore,

9 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General*  
10 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*  
11 *concurring herein:*  
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13 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

14 (1) Strongly urge and request the government of the United States  
15 of America to take action to preserve and enhance American leadership  
16 in space, spur innovation, and ensure our continued national and  
17 economic security by supporting space exploration and activities,  
18 including sending United States astronauts (including the first female and  
19 first person of color who will walk on the Moon) under NASA's Artemis  
20 program, which launched its successful uncrewed test flight on November  
21 16, 2022. Hundreds of Colorado companies worked to make Artemis I a  
22 success, including Boeing, which built the Space Launch System rocket;  
23 United Launch Alliance, which built the Interim Cryogenic Propulsion  
24 system, the second stage that propelled Orion into orbit around the Moon;  
25 and Lockheed Martin Space, which designed and built the Orion  
26 spacecraft for NASA in Colorado, which traveled 1.4 million miles  
27 beyond the Moon and back;

28 (2) Recognize and appreciate Colorado's space and aerospace  
29 companies and organizations, especially the growing membership and  
30 activities of the Colorado chapter of Citizens for Space Exploration, in  
31 partnership with the Colorado Business Roundtable, whose activities to  
32 promote space exploration are helping to increase public understanding  
33 and enthusiasm for exploration funding;

34 (3) Recognize and appreciate the exciting new innovations  
35 coming this year with the inaugural flight of the United Launch Alliance  
36 Vulcan Centaur rocket; Boeing's CST-100 Starliner crew test flight to the  
37 International Space Station; and the Sierra Space Dream Chaser, the

1 world's only winged commercial spaceplane, which will also travel to the  
2 International Space Station. Both the Starliner and Dream Chaser will  
3 launch atop a United Launch Alliance rocket;

4 (4) Express our most sincere and deepest appreciation to the men  
5 and women working in our military installations in Colorado; and

6 (5) Hereby declare March 13, 2023, to be "Colorado Aerospace  
7 Day".

8 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
9 to President Joseph Biden, Jr.; Vice President Kamala Harris; Speaker of  
10 the House of Representatives Kevin McCarthy; House Minority Leader  
11 Hakeem Jeffries; Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer; Senate  
12 Minority Leader Mitch McConnell; Senator John Hickenlooper; Senator  
13 Michael Bennet; Congresswoman Diana DeGette; Congressman Joe  
14 Neguse; Congresswoman Lauren Boebert; Congressman Ken Buck;  
15 Congressman Doug Lamborn; Congressman Jason Crow;  
16 Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen; Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo;  
17 Bill Nelson, NASA Administrator; Billy Nolen, Administrator, Federal  
18 Aviation Administration; Governor Jared Polis; Lieutenant Governor and  
19 Co-chair, Colorado Space Coalition, Dianne Primavera; Brigadier  
20 General Laura Clellan, Adjutant General of Colorado; General James  
21 Dickinson, Commander, U.S. Space Command; Colonel Marcus Jackson,  
22 Buckley Garrison Commander, Buckley Space Force Base; Dr.  
23 Christopher Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Ross B.  
24 Garelick Bell, Executive Director, Aerospace States Association; Thomas  
25 E. Zelibor, Chief Executive Officer, Space Foundation; Alexandra Dukes,  
26 Section Chair, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Rocky  
27 Mountain Section; Dr. Ronald M. Sega, Co-chair, Colorado Space  
28 Coalition; Michael Gass, Co-chair, Colorado Space Coalition; Bob Cone,  
29 Chair, Colorado Space Business Roundtable; Christie Lee and Stacey  
30 DeFore, Co-Chairs, Colorado Citizens for Space Exploration; Jeff  
31 Kloska, Director, Colorado Air and Space Port; and Debbie Brown,  
32 President, Colorado Space Business Roundtable.