



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1006

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO 4-H DAY.

WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H Youth Development program is founded on the notion that youth are a vital resource for ensuring a better tomorrow, and assisting youth as they prepare for the future is the 4-H program's central mission; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H program is an integral part of Colorado State University Extension and is fundamental to the land-grant university mission; and

WHEREAS, More than 107,000 Colorado youth, with the guidance of more than 11,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in workforce preparation and career exploration through their 4-H projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H grows young people who have essential life skills like confidence, courage, resilience, and curiosity and who are empowered and prepared for life today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, 4-H serves every county and parish in America through a network of 110 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System with 3,000 offices nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The 4-H organization is led by a unique public-private partnership that includes National 4-H Council and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture within the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns \$45 million annually to the Colorado economy, plus \$31 million in added value of volunteer time contribution, resulting in a ten-fold return on investment over the cost to conduct the program; and

WHEREAS, A decade-long longitudinal study of positive youth development showed that, compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H programs are:

- Four times more likely to make contributions to their communities;
- Two times more likely to be civically active;
- Two times more likely to make healthier choices; and
- Two times more likely to participate in science, engineering, and computer technology programs during out-of-school time; and

WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth between the ages of 5 and 19 from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the General Assembly salutes the Colorado 4-H program in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future by providing a wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication skills, as well as a host of other life skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning environment;

(2) That the General Assembly commends Colorado State University Extension for its work supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;

(3) That the General Assembly recognizes the invaluable contribution of the thousands of adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado youth;

(4) That the General Assembly encourages young people in Colorado to get a head start in life by participating in 4-H activities; and

(5) That the General Assembly hereby declares Monday, January 29, 2024, to be "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor Jared Polis and Colorado's Commissioner of Agriculture, Kate Greenberg.

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