



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1020

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CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF LATINO/A ADVOCACY DAY.

WHEREAS, Latino/a Advocacy Day celebrates eighteen years of mobilizing Latinas and Latinos from across Colorado, a legacy that has helped amplify Latina and Latino voices to address the structural inequities that have historically affected their communities; and

WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos are among the most impacted people when assessing the negative outcomes of inequitable healthcare, housing, and economic policy; and

WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos represent more than twenty-four percent of Colorado's population. Some legislative districts have even greater percentages of Latina and Latino voters and constituents. Therefore, events like Latino/a Advocacy Day are essential to improve parity of representation in the statewide legislative body; and

WHEREAS, The average age of Latinas and Latinos in the state is twelve years old, and the fastest growing population of K-12 students in the state is Latinas and Latinos, who already make up a majority of students in urban and rural school districts across the state; and

WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos are a critical part of the state's economy. Latina and Latino workers are the backbone of the Colorado tourism industry and the construction industry. They also work in agriculture and are small business owners, teachers, child and elder care providers, first responders, health-care workers, advocates, legislators, and innovators; and

WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos already constitute the largest nonwhite demographic group in 2024. To foster future Latino/a political leadership, we must create the infrastructure for the Latino/a community to access statewide policy today; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, more than 5,000 Latinas and Latinos have participated in Latino/a Advocacy Day's three-day program; and

WHEREAS, Involving Latinas and Latinos in the policy-making process ensures that the voices and lived experiences of all Coloradans are respected and honored; and

WHEREAS, Community efforts like Latino/a Advocacy Day help create better policies that impact the daily lives of all people in our state; 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 we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, recognize the achievements of Latinas and Latinos and honor their contributions to Colorado's long history of political engagement and role in the policy-making process;

(2) That we pay tribute to past and current Latino/a Advocacy Day participants who have traveled to the Colorado state capitol from across Colorado to ensure representation and the just treatment of Latino/a communities in Colorado; and

(3) That we devote ourselves to creating a Colorado that will one day work for all through parity of representation in this statewide legislative body.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR) and Voces Unidas de las Montañas.

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