



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-006

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

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

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

WHEREAS, As of December 31, 2023, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported 96,955 active missing persons cases in the United States, with a large portion being juveniles under the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing for a number of reasons: They run away or wander and become lost; they disappear under circumstances indicating that their disappearance may not have been

voluntary; or they go missing under suspicious circumstances, indicating that they may be in physical danger or the victims of foul play; and

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

WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully recovered 1,161 children; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 359,094 missing child reports were made to law enforcement in 2022. The organization currently lists 58 missing children from Colorado, from every area of the state. While all disappeared from their families when they were children, some have been missing for decades; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) That we hereby continue to designate February 4 of each year as Missing Persons Day and support the goals and ideals of the day; and

(6) That we acknowledge the names and the families of the Coloradans who are currently missing: Christopher Enoch Abeyta, Victor Abeyta, Talia Ace-Montalvo, Joshua Ackerman, Terri Ackerman, Luis Acosta, Bryant Adams, Patricia A. Adams, Erika Patris Aguilar-Bargales, Kaleb Ahern, Joaquin Alarid, Dora Alcaraz, Emilio Alegria-Martinez, Falon Nicole Alexander, Abdulmalek Alkandari, Katherine Allen, Jepsi Amaga-Kallungi, Daniela Jasmin Amaro, Bryan D. Ambrose, Uvaldo Anaya, Keith R. Anderson, Isabella Annibal, Tiannah Marie Annibal, Beth Ann Aper, Nilson Omar Aquino Enamorado, Pauline Aragon, Kimberly Heidi Arciniega, Miranda Arellano, Samuel Arellano, Devon Ashley, Cynthia L. Atterberry, Lane Aurelius Springer, John Austin, Joaquin David Aviles-Silva, Eliaz Ayala, Amilcar Ba Sub, Gayle Katrina Baird, Adrian Barajas, Linda J. Barker, Gayla Jean Barnes, Katherine Sue Barnum, Mario Barraza-Murillo, Tracy Jay Bastion, Colleen Kay Barrett, Lauri Lynn Bath, Barbara Jean Bauman, Richard Beebe, Louis Michael Behlmann, Kimberly Bell, Mariah Benitez, Pamela Sue Bera, David Gerard Berger, Gloria Berreth, Casey Berry, Christopher Bidy, Abby Blagg, Michael Blair, Dulce Prisc Blanco Castellanos, Alexis Blasingime, Marie Ann Blee, Robert Bockmann, Richard Eugene Boldman, Kaileigh Noelani Rose Bonite, Mark Allen Bonner, Olivia Borrego, John Paul Borsheim, Brandon Lane Bowles, Robert James Bowling, Stacey Boyd, Arthur Brandes, William W. Brennan, Derek M. Brock, Deborah Brockway, Dawnshay Jovanique Brooks, Dominique Brown, Austin E. Bryant, Edward D. Bryant, David William Buck, Colleen K. Burgess, Sherry D. Bynum, Nuria Caal Coc, Omar Caballero Regaldo, Fred Cain, Marlen Yarit Calderon-Serrano, Wilson Alexander Torres Calez, Mercedes Calipo-Jaramillo, Bryan Carroll Campbell, Dena Angelique Candelario, Aletha Capps, Santino Biagio Cardella, Selvin Moises Cardoza-Vega, Rocky Charles Carpenter, Gregory John Carter, Reyes Ismael Casanova-Molina, Timothy Case, Darisleidy Castillo, Edgar Castillo-Hernandez, Jennifer C. Castro-Perdomo, Autumn Starr Cerenil, Kenneth Anthony Chacon, Roberto Chamatum Quixtan, David Chambers, Fynn Addison Chaney, Michele Denise Chapman, Yerlonda Lequita Chase, Michael Chastain, Samuel Chavez Rodriguez, Carol Jean Chavez, Christiana Lynn Childers, Lorenzo Deshawn Chivers, Jordon Zachary Christian, Aldo Cid-Perez, Jasmin Cigarroa, John Cizek, Benjamin Dubreath Clark, Earl Tex Clark, Randall Sirriner Clark, Tyrese Clark,

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

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