

Written statement from Former State Senator Alice J. Nichol from Adams County

Regarding: Opposition to HB19-1185

Since 1992 as a State Representative and State Senator from Adams County, I worked to uphold Columbus Day as a State and National holiday. I was honored to recognize Senator Casimiro Barela an Hispanic, and Angelo Noce an Italian in working together to make Colorado the first in the nation to make Columbus day a state holiday. I stood with all Colorado Citizens to preserve history while in office, and we proudly celebrated the 100-year anniversary of this historical holiday in 2007. Representative Benavidez, the sponsor of this bill now represents Adams County. I do not understand why she wants to disregard the legacy of Senator Barela who made history by working with and for all citizens of Colorado, and to erasing his history to make history of her own. I support not doing away with Columbus day, still.

Thank you.