



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-009

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CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF MISSING PERSONS DAY.

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 January 1, 2025, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported 93,741 active missing persons cases in the United States, with a large percentage being juveniles under the age of 21. Of those, 1,196 were reported missing from Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing from their families 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 1,221 children; and

WHEREAS, For all the important work done to recover missing children, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reported that more than 32,000 missing child reports were made in 2025, and the organization lists 42 missing Coloradan children who are from every area of the state. Though all 42 disappeared from their families when they were children, some have been missing for decades; and

WHEREAS, While too many families grieve and hope for their missing children, others are in search of their missing family members of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The awareness of citizens, media, and law enforcement, as well as their support, their efforts, and their search for missing persons, must continue; and

WHEREAS, The public plays a critical role in the success of the AMBER and all other Alert programs, as they become the eyes and ears of law enforcement and can be on the lookout for the missing person; 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 used 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 recognition of Missing Persons Day in Colorado firmly embeds in our state calendar the importance of missing persons and their families and friends and raises a level of awareness with other cities and states that have also designated a Missing Persons Day; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Missing Persons Day in Colorado offers a platform to plan events that will connect families with the resources they need to help identify and find their long-term missing loved ones; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Missing Persons Day in Colorado ensures that the families and friends of the missing know that they are not alone in this tragedy of uncertainties and lack of closure, which leads to extreme suffering and long-lasting effects on the health, finances, and relationships of those left behind; and

WHEREAS, Every missing person is someone's son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister, 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-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

(1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, recognize the epidemic of the missing in America as "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 the continued support of worthy initiatives and private and public programs to increase efforts to locate missing persons;

(5) That we hereby 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, Rohimah Khatu Bin Abul-Boshor, Ethan Edilia Matias G. Achicue, Luis Acosta, Patricia A. Adams, Erika Patris Aguilar-Bargales, Katherine Allen, Coty James Allison, Jepsi Amaga-Kallungi, Daniela Jasmin Amaro, Bryan D Ambrose, Uvaldo Anaya, Keith R. Anderson, Matthew Eugene Anderson, Robert Wayne Andrews, Isabella Annibal, Tiannah Marie Annibal, Pauline Aragon, Nada Aswad, Cynthia L. Atterberry, Lane Aurelius Springer, John Austin, Joaquin David Aviles-Silva, Hunter Obert Axtell, Amilcar Ba Sub, Jamie Melissa Baca, Joseph Baca, Gayle Katrina Baird, Aniya Banks, Lizmar Barcenas-Beraza, Linda J. Barker, Gayla Jean Barnes, Dawn Rhojean Barnes, Katherine Sue Barnum, Mario Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Kay Barrett, Tracy Jay Bastion, Lauri Lynn Bath, Barbara Jean Bauman, Richard Beebe, Nancy Begg-Shoupp, Louis Michael Behlmann, Jose Yamil Belardo Ortiz, Alexis Bello, Mariah Benitez, Rakeem Dajohn Bennett, Pamela Sue Bera, Devid Gerard Berger, Damias Matthew Bernal, Gloria Berreth, Casey Berry, Dahlia Bishop, Sara Renee Black, Abby Blagg, Michael Blair, Dulce Prisc Blanco Castellanos, Alexis Blasingime, Marie Ann Blee, Robert Bockmann, Joshua Todd Bonis, Richard Eugene Boldman, Mark Allen Bonner, Olivia Borrego, Brandon Lane Bowles, Robert James Bowling, Rebecca Bramhall, Arthur Brandes, William W. Brennan, Nicolle Valen Briceno-Jimenez, Dominic Briggs-Chumoi, Brandon Scott Britton, Derek M. Brock, Deborah Brockway, Tayyab Brooks, Alexis Layla Brown Otter, Gaynial Brown, Mitchell James Bruch, Austin E. Bryant, Edward D. Bryant, David William Buck, Charles Burge, Colleen K. Burgess, Melody Burns, Sherry D. Bynum, Omar Caballero Regaldo, Fred Cain, Wilson Alexander Torres Calez, Mercedes Calipo-Jaramillo, Bryan Carroll Campbell, Dena Angelique Candelario, Aletha Capps, Rocky Charles Carpenter, Leonel Carrillo-Olivas, Jaimie Lynn Carroll, Gregory John Carter, Tatiana Casali, Jesse Casanova, Joseph Pery Casanova, Reyes Ismael Casanova-Molina, Timothy Case, David Michael Castro, Jennifer C. Castro-Perdomo, Anela Caswell-Rhoney, Ester Caustrita, Autumn Starr

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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, Inc. (FOHVAMP); Colorado Victims for Justice; the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA); and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

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