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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1023

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF LATINO/A ADVOCACY DAY.**

1 WHEREAS, Latino/a Advocacy Day celebrates 20 years of
2 mobilizing Latinas and Latinos from across Colorado, an annual event
3 that has helped amplify more than 5,800 Latina and Latino voices to
4 address the structural inequities that have historically affected the Latina
5 and Latino community; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2006, following the passage of anti-immigrant
7 federal legislation and an anti-immigrant special legislative session in
8 Colorado, a pro-immigrant justice movement swept the nation, including
9 in Colorado. Community organizations led by local Latina and Latino
10 activists convened the first ever Latino/a Advocacy Day in Denver in
11 2007 to hold policymakers accountable, advocate for better public
12 policies, and grow the Latina and Latino community's power and
13 influence inside the state capitol; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2026, Latinas and Latinos in Colorado again find
2 themselves at the intersection of anti-immigrant attacks from the federal
3 government, including indiscriminate mass deportations violently
4 separating Colorado immigrant families; and

5 WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos constitute the largest nonwhite
6 demographic group in Colorado, at 22.7% of the population; and

7 WHEREAS, Latinas and Latinos remain among the most impacted
8 people when assessing the adverse outcomes of inequitable health care,
9 housing, education, and economic opportunity; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Community efforts like Latino/a Advocacy Day help
14 create better policies that impact the daily lives of all people in our state;
15 now, therefore,

16 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

18 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
19 recognize the achievements of Latinas and Latinos and honor their
20 contributions to Colorado's long history of political engagement and their
21 role in the policy-making process;

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

26 (3) That we devote ourselves to creating a Colorado that will one
27 day work for all, regardless of immigration status, in the Colorado
28 General Assembly.

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
30 to the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive
31 Rights (COLOR) and Voces Unidas de las Montanas, the conveners of
32 the 2026 Latino/a Advocacy Day.