



SENATE RESOLUTION 21-005

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021, AS "MISSING PERSONS DAY" IN COLORADO.

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

WHEREAS, Every 40 seconds, someone goes missing in America. 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, By December 31, 2019, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported 87,438 active missing persons in the United States, with nearly 44 percent being juveniles under the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, Children and adults go missing from their families for a number of devastating 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, 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 the Emergency Alert System in Colorado to broadcast information to alert citizens of missing children; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully recovered 988 children nationally; and

WHEREAS, For all the important work done to recover missing children, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported on its website in 2019 that 421,394 missing child reports were made to law enforcement in 2019, and the organization lists 73 missing Coloradan children from every area of the state. Although all disappeared from their families when they were children, some have been missing for decades; and

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

WHEREAS, According to the Alzheimer's Association, six in ten people with Alzheimer's or dementia will wander and may become lost, a frequent and frightening challenge for their caregivers and families; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Governor Bill Ritter signed House Bill 07-1005 into law, which expanded the senior alert program to include people with developmental disabilities, connecting caretakers with law enforcement officials who can use the reach of the radio, television stations, and other media to alert the community; 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 Alert and other alert programs: 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 and incorrect. 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 will firmly embed the importance of missing persons and their families and friends in our state calendar and will raise a level of awareness with other cities and states that have already 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 loved ones, including those who have been missing for many years; and

WHEREAS, The designation of "Missing Persons Day" in Colorado will ensure 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-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

(1) That we, the members of the Senate, 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, Luis Acosta, Crystal Acosta, Destiny Acosta, Terri Ackerman, Patricia Adams, Naxon Sadoc Aguilar-Aleman, Herman Aguirre, Ryan Albert, Dora Alcaraz, Katherine Allen, Felix Alvarado, Caleb Moreno Alvarado, Jepsi Amaga-Kallungi, Daniela Jasmin Amaro, Bryan D. Ambrose, Douglas Jose Anariba-Cruz, Uvaldo Anaya, Keith R. Anderson, Isabella Annibal, Tiannah Marie Annibal, Amanda Aragon, Miranda Arellano, Samuel Arellano, Kaden Ray Armstrong, Gabriel Angel Arteaga, Cynthia L. Atterberry, Ashley Avalos, Eliaz Ayala, Mark Manuel Baca, Gayle Katrina Baird, Brandon Masaki Baker, Alexandra Banda, Angelica Linda Barajas, Isabella Andrea Barajas, Geovonni Barela, Linda J. Barker, Jose Barnabe, Gayla Jean Barnes, Matthew Eric Barnes, Katherine Sue Barnum, Mario Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Kay Barrett, Tracy Jay Bastion, Lauri Lynn Bath, Barbara Jean Bauman, Richard Beebe, Kimberly Bell, Stephanie Benitez, Angela Cindy Benson, Pamela Sue Bera, David Gerard Berger, Gloria Berreth, Casey Berry, Ryann Bielawski, Abby Blagg, Michael Blair, Marie Ann Blee, Robert Bockmann, Dwayne Bogan, Richard Eugene Boldman, Mark Allen Bonner, Robert James Bowling, Robin Brown, Reid Brown, Ramon George Brown, Arthur Brandes, Luis Alberto Bravo-Gomez, William W. Brennan, Chad Michael Brewer, Austin E. Bryant, Edward D. Bryant, Marina Burgoon, Colleen K. Burgess, Sherry D. Bynum, Amarily Kimberly Cabrales, Fred Cain, Eduardo Antonio Calderon, Kevin Campos-Valverde, Bryan Carroll Campbell, Shalyha Marie Canchola, Dena Angelique Candelario, Luis Eduardo Carbajal-Ardon, Mariah Cardenas-Albert, Rocky Charles Carpenter, Natalie Carraseo, Gregory John Carter, Jaezell Carter Adams, Jade Casados, Reyes Ismael Casanova-Molina, Timoth Case, Abraham Castellanos-Martinez, Darisleidy Castillo, Thalia Castillo, Abigail Castro, Rosalinda Castro-Mendoza, Jennifer C. Castro-Perdomo,

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Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this 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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