



SENATE RESOLUTION 20-002

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

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 Alert program 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. When there is evidence of violence or of an unusual absence, it is critical that an investigation begin promptly.

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 long-term missing loved ones; and

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, On January 10, 2020, the FBI reported 86,989 active missing persons in the United States, with a large portion 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, 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 the Emergency Alert System in Colorado to broadcast information to alert citizens of missing children.

WHEREAS, Since 1996, AMBER Alerts have successfully recovered 977 children nationally and 61 due to the Wireless Emergency Alert; and

WHEREAS, For all the important work done to recover missing children, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children assisted

law enforcement and families in 2019 with more than 29,000 cases of missing children nationwide, and the organization lists 155 active missing child cases in Colorado with posters circulating on nearly 70 of those cases. Even though all disappeared from their families when they were children, some have been missing for decades.

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-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

(1) That we, the members of the Colorado 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, Victor Abeyta, Terri Ackerman, Luis Acosta, Crystal Acosta, Marvin

Aguilar-Aguilar, Ryan Albert, Dora Alcaraz, Katherine Allen, Veronica N. Alvarado-Carvajal, Tamara Alvidres, Daniela Jasmin Amaro, Bryan D. Ambrose, Roger Blake Ampbell, Uvaldo Anaya, Keith R. Anderson, Isabella Annibal, Tiannah Marie Annibal, Nathanie Antone, Pauline Aragon, Zariyah Arellano, Keiyhana Armstrong, Gabriel Angel Arteaga, Eric Ashby, Cynthia L. Atterberry, Donald Henry Atutis, Joaquin David Aviles-Silva, Myriam Azila, Mark Manuel Baca, Gayle Katrina Baird, Brandon Masaki Baker, Alexandra Banda, Isabella Andrea Barajas, Linda J. Barker, Gayla Jean Barnes, Katherine Sue Barnum, Mario Barraza-Murillo, Colleen Kay Barrett, Alondra Barron, Frank Bastil, Tracy Jay Bastion, Barbara Jean Baumann, Richard Beebe, Stephanie Benitez, Angela Cindy Benson, Pamela Sue Bera, David Gerard Berger, Gloria Berreth, Casey S. Berry, Abby Blagg, Marie Ann Blee, Robert Bockmann, Dwayne Bogan, Richard Eugene Boldman, Mark Allen Bonner, Mohamed El Boukili, Robert James Bowling, Emma Grace Brackett, Arthur Brandes, Luis Alberto Bravo-Gomez, William W. Brennan, William Christopher Brown, Edward D. Bryant, Colleen K. Burgess, Triniti Burrell, Sherry D. Bynum, Fred Cain, Dena Angelique Candelario, Luis Eduardo Carbajal-Ardon, Rocky Charles Carpenter, Gregory John Carter, Rafael Casanova-Ferrer, Reyes Ismael Casanova-Molina, Timothy Case, Darisleidy Castillo, Brianna Castillo, Abbigail Castro, Rosalinda Castro-Mendoza, Jennifer C. Castro-Perdomo, Autumn Starr Cerenil, Kenneth Anthony Chacon, David Chambers, Michael Chastain, Gladys Chilel-Romero, Lorenzo Deshawn Chivers, Aldo Cid-Perez, John Cizek, Earl Tex Clark, Randall Serrine Clark, Benjamin Dubreath Clark, Tyrese Clark, Javon Classen, Derek Colburn, Ray Collins, Ronald Compton, Martin Conley, Thomas Randal Cook, Patricia Ann Cordova, Shaun Wayne Cordova, Reyna Correa, Jamie Cortez, Jarad Richard Cox, Charlene M. Cramer, Julie L. Cunningham, Amy Dabalos, Starlett Daily, Maurice Gordon Dametz, David G. Davis, James Earl Dean, Julia R. Dearemt, Mary Marlene Deitz, Kenneth Delgarmo, Fabian Delrosario, William Demerell, Dustin Douglas Denhartog, Taylor Denivan, Alissia Minyon Dizard, Nonnie Ann Dotson, Rex L. Douglas, Jennifer Anne Douglas, Stephanie Ann Drnovsek, Rick Duffy, Charles Duke, Anthony James Dusek, Steve Robert Einspahr, Somaya Abdul Elaayi, Caleb Elaayi, Bobby Dean Eldridge, Morgan Ellis, Roger John Ellison, Bekime Elshani, Maria Emeterio, Dyani Encinas, Omar Enriquez, Stephanie Enriquez-Bautista, Elba Evelyn Espinoza-Romero, Eric Todd Ewing, Alex James Faucett, Daniel Faust Felicia Fellow, J D Ferguson, Alvin Lee Finch, Eugene Francis Fish,

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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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