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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1006**

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO 4-H DAY.**

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1           WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H Youth Development program is  
2 founded on the notion that youth are a vital resource for ensuring a better  
3 tomorrow, and assisting youth as they prepare for the future is the 4-H  
4 program's central mission; and

5           WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H program is an integral part of  
6 Colorado State University Extension and is fundamental to the land-grant  
7 university mission; and

8           WHEREAS, More than 107,000 Colorado youth, with the  
9 guidance of more than 11,000 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently  
10 contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in  
11 workforce preparation and career exploration through their 4-H projects  
12 and activities; and

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HOUSE  
Final Reading  
January 29, 2024

1           WHEREAS, 4-H grows young people who have essential life  
2 skills like confidence, courage, resilience, and curiosity and who are  
3 empowered and prepared for life today and tomorrow; and

4           WHEREAS, 4-H serves every county and parish in America  
5 through a network of 110 land-grant universities and the Cooperative  
6 Extension System with 3,000 offices nationwide; and

7           WHEREAS, The 4-H organization is led by a unique  
8 public-private partnership that includes National 4-H Council and the  
9 National Institute of Food and Agriculture within the United States  
10 Department of Agriculture; and

11           WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns \$45 million annually to the  
12 Colorado economy, plus \$31 million in added value of volunteer time  
13 contribution, resulting in a ten-fold return on investment over the cost to  
14 conduct the program; and

15           WHEREAS, A decade-long longitudinal study of positive youth  
16 development showed that, compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H  
17 programs are:  
18           ● Four times more likely to make contributions to their  
19 communities;  
20           ● Two times more likely to be civically active;  
21           ● Two times more likely to make healthier choices; and  
22           ● Two times more likely to participate in science,  
23 engineering, and computer technology programs during  
24 out-of-school time; and

25           WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth  
26 between the ages of 5 and 19 from all economic, social, and cultural  
27 backgrounds; now, therefore,

28           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
29 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*  
30 *concurring herein:*

31           (1) That the General Assembly salutes the Colorado 4-H program  
32 in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future by providing a  
33 wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire decision-making,  
34 leadership, and communication skills, as well as a host of other life skills,  
35 in a hands-on, friendly learning environment;

1           (2) That the General Assembly commends Colorado State  
2 University Extension for its work supporting the mission of the Colorado  
3 4-H program;

4           (3) That the General Assembly recognizes the invaluable  
5 contribution of the thousands of adult volunteers whose efforts enhance  
6 the 4-H experience for Colorado youth;

7           (4) That the General Assembly encourages young people in  
8 Colorado to get a head start in life by participating in 4-H activities; and

9           (5) That the General Assembly hereby declares Monday, January  
10 29, 2024, to be "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's  
11 efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

12           *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
13 to Governor Jared Polis and Colorado's Commissioner of Agriculture,  
14 Kate Greenberg.