



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-007

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 30, 2017, AS COLORADO 4-H DAY.

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

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

WHEREAS, More than 112,200 Colorado youth, with the guidance of 12,185 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently contribute to their communities and gain practical experience in workforce preparation and career exploration through their 4-H projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth

Development program works to serve military-connected youth through 4-H clubs and projects and special events and programs partnering with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Colorado State University Extension's partners consider 4-H an expert in research-based curricula; quality youth development programming; professional development training for adults; and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; and

WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns \$45 million annually to the Colorado economy plus \$31 million in added value of volunteer-time contributions resulting in a tenfold return on investment over the cost to conduct the program; and

WHEREAS, A decade-long longitudinal study of positive youth development showed that, compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H programs are:

- ! Four times more likely to make contributions to their communities;
- ! Two times more likely to be civically active;
- ! Two times more likely to make healthier choices; and
- ! Two times more likely to participate in science, engineering, or computer technology programs during out-of-school time; and

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

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

(1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

(a) Salute the Colorado 4-H program in its efforts to prepare Colorado's youth for the future, providing a wealth of opportunities for young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication skills, as well as a host of other life skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning environment;

(b) Commend Colorado State University Extension for its work in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;

(c) Recognize the invaluable contribution of the thousands of adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado youth; and

(d) Encourage young people in Colorado to get a head start on life by participating in 4-H activities.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That the General Assembly hereby declares this day, January 30, 2017, "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.

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