



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-026

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF "FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY".

WHEREAS, First responders risk their own safety and personal property in the execution of their duties to protect the public on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, First responders are the first line of defense for the public against threats, both domestic and foreign; and

WHEREAS, First responders stand at the ready to come to the aid of the citizens of the United States of America twenty-four hours a day; and

WHEREAS, First responders are a vital part of our communities, not only standing ready to deal with emergencies but also volunteering in our schools and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Individuals, both career and volunteer, including police, fire, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and other

organizations in the public safety sector, come together as a collective to aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Colorado joins the following states in designating September 27 as "First Responder Appreciation Day": Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly wishes to honor and support all first responders with an annual day of appreciation; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

(1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, designate September 27, 2016, as "First Responder Appreciation Day";

(2) That we recognize and honor the actions of first responders who performed heroic actions in the line of duty or went above and beyond the call of duty, including: Paramedic Robert "Bob" Marlin, South Metro Fire Rescue; Chief Carl Tatum, Hanover Fire Protection District; Captain Dan Hrouda, Fire Inspector, Evergreen Fire Rescue; Limon Ambulance Service; Tim Dienst, CEO, Ute Pass Regional Emergency Medical Services; Greg Foley, Grand County Search and Rescue and the Mountain Rescue Association; Captain Erich Barber, Grand County EMS; Sergeant Jason Hess, El Paso County Sheriff's Office; Tactical Officers Robert Wolf and Dan Carter, K-9 Officer John Ford, and Patrol Officer Mike Zamonas, Colorado Springs Police Department; Chief Jack Lee, Paradox Fire Department; Dispatcher Cindy Link, Teller County Sheriff's Office; Captain Tom Ruane, Lieutenants Kris Soppe, Brian Myers, and Steve Winters, and Firefighters Jeremy Kunze, Jamie Gutschick, Mike Polletta, Justin Cihak, Landon Mauck, Chris Villegas, Bo Hutchinson, Andrew Lowe, Craig Staloway, Erik Long, Cameron Halverson, and Brian Koontz, Colorado Springs Fire Department; Deputy Jeffrey Brunkow of the Boulder County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Brian King, Engineer Michael Ditolla, and Firefighters Nicholas Coster and Christopher

Rathburn, Denver Fire Department; Dr. Robert Morrow, Walsh Ambulance Service; Officers Melissa Manzanares, Ryan Beale, Mark Donohue, and Bob Wilson, and Dispatcher Mark Derham, Golden Police Department; Deputies Steven Pike and Christopher Caro, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Toni Russell, Hot Sulphur Springs Fire Department; Robert Good and Janee Gautreaux, AMR Colorado Springs/El Paso County; EMT Nicole Richards, Kit Carson County Ambulance Service; and Paramedic Chad Bauer, Ute Pass Regional Emergency Medical Services;

(3) That we recognize and honor the first responders who died in the line of duty, including: Deputy Derek Geer, Mesa County Sheriff's Office; Officer Garrett Swasey, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs; Trooper Jaime Jursevics, Colorado State Patrol; Corporal Nate Carrigan, Park County Sheriff's Office; Trooper Taylor Joseph Thyfault, Colorado State Patrol; Deputy Sheriff Travis Russell, Las Animas County Sheriff's Office; and Deputy Sean Renfro, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office;

(4) That we recognize and honor the first responders who were injured in the line of duty, including: Officer Tony Lopez, Jr., Denver Police Department; Officer Rachel Eid, Denver Police Department; Technician John Ruddy, Denver Police Department; Master Patrol Deputy Kolby Martin, Park County Sheriff's Office; Captain Mark Hancock, Park County Sheriff's Office; Trooper Clint Rushing, Colorado State Patrol; and Deputy Sheila Kirin, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; and

(5) That we recognize and honor all first responders who put their lives on the line daily to serve and protect the people of Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to:

(1) The following organizations: Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police; County Sheriffs of Colorado; Colorado State Fire Fighters Association; Colorado Professional Fire Fighters; Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado; the I Love You Guys Foundation; National EMS Memorial Service; Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority; Colorado State Fire Chiefs; and Colorado Search and Rescue Board;

(2) The following government officials and offices: Stan Hilkey, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety; Paul Cooke, Director, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Colorado Department of Public Safety; Rocco Snart, Colorado Division of Fire Management and Control, U.S. Bureau of Land Management; Mike Chard, Director, Boulder County Office of Emergency Management; Jay T. Esperance, Incident Commander, Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team; Marti Whitmore, Public Information Officer, Ouray County; Lynn Padgett, Chairperson, Ouray County Board of County Commissioners; Mike Butler, Public Safety Chief, Longmont Public Safety; Melissa Lineberger, Director, Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Kyle Patterson, Spokesperson, Rocky Mountain National Park;

(3) Tim Gregg, Executive Director of National First Responders Appreciation Day;

(4) The following first responders: Colorado State Patrol; Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Jefferson County Regional SWAT; Park County Sheriff's Office; North Fork Volunteer Fire Department; Foothills Fire Department; Mountain View Fire Department; Wiggins Rural Fire Department; Fort Morgan Fire Department; City of Brush Fire Department; City of Aurora Police Department; Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office; City of Aurora Fire Department; Emergency Medical Services, Denver Health Medical Center; Emergency Department, Medical Center of Aurora; Trauma Program Director, Medical Center of Aurora; Emergency Medical Services, Swedish Medical Center Denver; HealthOne Clinic Services EMS and Trauma Unit; Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department; Poudre Fire Authority; City of Fort Collins Police Department; Larimer County Sheriff's Office; City of Colorado Springs Police Department; El Paso County Sheriff's Office; Mesa County Sheriff's Office; West Metro Fire Protection District; CO-TF1, FEMA Urban Search and Rescue; City of Wheat Ridge Police Department; Elbert County Sheriff's Office; Great Basin Type 1 Incident Management Team; Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team; Huerfano County Fire Department; Lafayette Fire Department; Boulder County Sheriff's Office; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 3; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 1; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 2; Berthoud Fire Protection District; Estes

Park Volunteer Fire Department; Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District; Glacier View Fire Protection District; Livermore Fire Protection District; Loveland Fire Department; Big Elk Volunteer Fire Department; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 4; Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District; Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department; Wellington Fire Protection District; Larimer County Sheriff's office; City of Lyons Fire Department; Yarnell Fire Department; Denver Police Department; Louisville Police Department; Louisville Fire Department; Lafayette Police Department; Erie Police Department; Mountain View Fire Protection District; Colorado Springs Fire Department; Pueblo City Fire Department; Pueblo West Fire Department; Denver Fire Department; Colorado River Fire Rescue; American Medical Response Pueblo; American Medical Response Aurora; American Medical Response Boulder; American Medical Response Canon City; American Medical Response Denver; American Medical Response Golden; American Medical Response Longmont; Evergreen Fire/Rescue; South Metro Fire Rescue; Wheat Ridge Fire Department; and Grand County EMS; and

(5) Each of the first responders recognized and honored in subsections (2) and (4) of this Joint Resolution and the families of each of the first responders recognized and honored in subsection (3) of this Joint Resolution.

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