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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-018

101 **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARCH 16 AS LIBERTY DAY,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING MARCH 2016**
103 **AS LIBERTY MONTH.**

1 WHEREAS, The liberties we have today were established in our
2 founding documents, namely the Declaration of Independence and the
3 United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights; and

4 WHEREAS, James Madison was a contributing author of the
5 Virginia Plan, used during the Constitutional Convention of 1787 as the
6 model for forming a constitution to replace the Articles of Confederation;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, As one of the authors of the essays now known as the
9 Federalist Papers, James Madison helped educate the public about the

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1 aims, merits, and context of the new Constitution; and

2 WHEREAS, Although sometimes referred to as the "Father of the
3 Constitution", Madison insisted that the document was not "the offspring
4 of a single brain" but "the work of many heads and many hands"; and

5 WHEREAS, James Madison kept written records of the debates of
6 the Constitutional Convention of 1787, giving us insight into both the
7 impassioned debate and difficult compromise necessary to create and
8 adopt the Constitution; and

9 WHEREAS, James Madison served in the United States House of
10 Representatives from 1789 until 1797, during which time he introduced
11 into Congress the Bill of Rights, which was ratified by the states in 1791;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, James Madison served as Secretary of State from
14 1801 until 1809 and as President of the United States from 1809 until
15 1817; and

16 WHEREAS, With his life's work, James Madison helped create the
17 bedrock of liberty this nation was built upon, and in his thoughtful
18 leadership and authorship we have a blueprint for effective governing;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, March 16 is the birthday of James Madison; now,
21 therefore,

22 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
23 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*
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25 1. That Wednesday, March 16, 2016, be proclaimed Liberty Day
26 in Colorado and that March 2016 be proclaimed Liberty Month in
27 Colorado; and

28 2. That the Colorado General Assembly asks all people of
29 Colorado to read, study, and learn the contents of the Constitution of the
30 United States and discuss the document with family, friends, and
31 coworkers in honor and celebration of Liberty Day.

32 *Be It Further Resolved*, that a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent
33 to Colorado Commissioner of Education Richard Crandall and to Steve

1 Durham, Valentina Flores, Jane Goff, Pam Mazanec, Joyce Rankin,
2 Debora Scheffel, and Angelika Schroeder, members of the Colorado State
3 Board of Education.