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**SENATE RESOLUTION 19-004**

101     **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 27 AS "FIRST**  
102     **RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY" IN COLORADO.**

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

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

5           WHEREAS, Nationally, on average, first responders are injured  
6     on the job three times more often than workers in other occupations; and

7           WHEREAS, First responders experience extreme physical  
8     demands and hazardous situations that contribute to personal injury and  
9     death, including gunfire, vehicular accidents, assaults, and building  
10    collapses; and

11          WHEREAS, First responders are exposed to occupation-related  
12    diseases such as cardiorespiratory disease, overexertion, and cancer; and

13          WHEREAS, First responder deaths constitute five percent of

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1 occupational fatalities nationwide; and

2 WHEREAS, First responders experience high levels of stress, and  
3 many struggle with mental health issues, such as post-traumatic stress  
4 disorder (PTSD), which family members of first responders also often  
5 develop; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of first responders have made the ultimate  
7 sacrifice, including police and sheriff's patrol officers, who have an  
8 estimated fatality rate of 14.6 per 100,000 workers, more than twice the  
9 national average, a number that includes three officers who died in the  
10 line of duty in Colorado in 2018; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Individuals, both career and volunteer, including  
18 police, fire, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and other  
19 organizations in the public safety sector, come together as a collective to  
20 aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

21 WHEREAS, There are over one million firefighters in the United  
22 States, and over 800,000 of those are volunteer firefighters; and

23 WHEREAS, There are over 800,000 emergency medical services  
24 personnel in the United States; and

25 WHEREAS, There are over 750,000 state and local law  
26 enforcement officers working for nearly 18,000 law enforcement agencies  
27 around the country; and

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

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

5 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*  
6 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

7 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,  
8 designate September 27, 2019, as "First Responder Appreciation Day";  
9 and

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

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

13 (1) The following organizations: Colorado Association of Chiefs  
14 of Police; Colorado Fraternal Order of Police; Colorado Police Protective  
15 Association; Colorado Professional Fire Fighters; Colorado Search and  
16 Rescue Board; County Sheriffs of Colorado; Colorado State Fire Fighters  
17 Association; Colorado State Fire Chiefs; Emergency Medical Services  
18 Association of Colorado; Denver Police Protective Association; "I Love  
19 U Guys" Foundation; Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority; National  
20 EMS Memorial Service;

21 (2) The following first responders: Aircraft Rescue and  
22 Firefighting Training Academy; AirLife Denver; American Medical  
23 Response Aurora; American Medical Response Boulder; American  
24 Medical Response Canon City; American Medical Response Denver;  
25 American Medical Response Golden; American Medical Response  
26 Longmont; American Medical Response Pueblo; Arapahoe County  
27 Sheriff's Office; Arvada Fire Protection District; Berthoud Fire Protection  
28 District; Big Elk Volunteer Fire Department; Boulder County Sheriff's  
29 Office; City of Aurora Fire Department; City of Aurora Police  
30 Department; City of Brush Fire Department; City of Colorado Springs  
31 Police Department; City of Fort Collins Police Department; City of Lyons  
32 Fire Department; City of Wheat Ridge Police Department; Colorado  
33 North Central All-Hazards Emergency Management Region; Colorado  
34 River Fire Rescue; Colorado Springs Fire Department; Colorado State  
35 Patrol; CO-TF1, FEMA Urban Search and Rescue; Crystal Lakes  
36 Volunteer Fire Department; Cunningham Fire Protection District; Denver

1 911 Emergency Communications Center; Denver Fire Department;  
2 Denver Health Paramedic All-terrain Medical Unit; Denver Health  
3 Paramedics; Denver International Airport EMS Team; Denver Health  
4 Paramedic Wildland Fire Team; Denver Police Academy; Denver Police  
5 Department; Elbert County Sheriff's Office; El Paso County Sheriff's  
6 Office; Emergency Department, Medical Center of Aurora; Emergency  
7 Medical Services, Denver Health Medical Center; Emergency Medical  
8 Services, Swedish Medical Center Denver; Erie Police Department; Estes  
9 Park Volunteer Fire Department; Estes Park Police Department;  
10 Evergreen Fire/Rescue; First Responder Network Authority; Foothills  
11 Fire Department; Fort Morgan Fire Department; Glacier View Fire  
12 Protection District; Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department; Golden  
13 Police and Fire Dispatch; Grand County EMS; Great Basin Type 1  
14 Incident Management Team; Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management  
15 Team; HealthOne Clinic Services EMS and Trauma Unit; Huerfano  
16 County Fire Department; Jefferson County Critical Incident Dispatch  
17 Team; Jefferson County Regional SWAT; Jefferson County Sheriff's  
18 Office; Lafayette Fire Department; Lafayette Police Department;  
19 Lakewood Police Department; Larimer County Sheriff's Office;  
20 Livermore Fire Protection District; Louisville Fire Department; Louisville  
21 Police Department; Loveland Fire Department; Mesa County Sheriff's  
22 Office; MetCom 911; Mountain View Fire Department; Mountain View  
23 Fire Protection District; North Fork Volunteer Fire Department;  
24 O.M.E.G.A.; Park County Sheriff's Office; Poudre Canyon Fire  
25 Protection District; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 1;  
26 Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 2; Poudre Canyon Fire  
27 Protection District - Station 3; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District -  
28 Station 4; Poudre Fire Authority; Pueblo 911 Communications Center;  
29 Pueblo City Fire Department; Pueblo West Fire Department; Red Feather  
30 Lakes Fire Protection District; Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department;  
31 South Metro Fire Rescue; Stadium Medical; Trauma Program Director,  
32 Medical Center of Aurora; Wellington Fire Protection District; West  
33 Douglas County Fire Protection District; West Metro Fire Protection  
34 District; Westminster Police and Fire Dispatch; Wheat Ridge Fire  
35 Department; Wheat Ridge Police and Fire Dispatch; Wiggins Rural Fire  
36 Department; and Yarnell Fire Department;

37 (3) Tim Gregg, Executive Director of National First Responder  
38 Appreciation Day; and

39 (4) President Donald J. Trump and each member of Colorado's  
40 Congressional delegation.