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SENATE RESOLUTION 25-010

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY.**

1 WHEREAS, In the 2024 presidential election, Colorado had the
2 fifth highest voter turnout of any state in the nation, and Colorado's
3 largest voting bloc-young people aged 18 to 34-has continued to achieve
4 higher voter turnout; and

5 WHEREAS, Colorado has efficiently and effectively grown its
6 registered electorate through the implementation of same-day voter
7 registration, automatic voter registration at government agencies, secure
8 online voter registration, preregistration of 15-, 16-, and 17-year-olds, and
9 robust voter registration efforts by state and local election officials and
10 community organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, Colorado's electoral system is an example to the
12 nation and the world of how to expand voter access while protecting
13 electoral integrity through safeguards, including risk-limiting audits and
14 signature verification; and

15 WHEREAS, Congress is considering legislation known as the
16 "SAVE Act" that would require all citizens to produce a document like

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1 a passport or birth certificate each time they register to vote, which is
2 documentation that more than 21 million Americans lack and which
3 would create obstacles to our secure online voter registration system,
4 automatic voter registration at government agencies, and voter
5 registration through other means; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2024 at least 26 states introduced, cumulatively,
7 65 bills that would require proof of citizenship at registration, and
8 Louisiana voters approved a measure to require proof of citizenship; and

9 WHEREAS, The Colorado Attorney General and Colorado
10 Secretary of State have joined legal efforts to oppose unlawful executive
11 action to interfere with Colorado's elections and Colorado's ability to
12 register eligible Coloradans to vote; and

13 WHEREAS, Falsehoods and conspiracies regarding the integrity
14 of the 2020 presidential election have run rampant in the media and
15 public discourse; and

16 WHEREAS, The months-long, coordinated attempt to interfere
17 with the democratic process following the November 2020 presidential
18 election and prevent the peaceful transfer of power by overturning the
19 legitimate results of the election, which culminated with the insurrection
20 at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, is a violent reminder of
21 the fragility of our democracy; now, therefore,

22 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
23 *of the State of Colorado:*

24 That we, the members of the Colorado Senate:

25 (1) Assert Colorado's right to control and administer its own
26 elections, per article 1, section 4 of the United States constitution;

27 (2) Affirm Colorado's duty to uphold the Fifteenth Amendment to
28 the United States constitution, which provides that the right to vote shall
29 not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account
30 of race, color, or previous condition of servitude;

31 (3) Condemn all threats and violence perpetrated to advance
32 partisan political goals or influence election outcomes;

1 (4) Oppose executive overreach concerning election lawmaking
2 and oversight that would compromise the separation of powers
3 enumerated in articles 1 to 3 of the United States constitution and the
4 independence of federal agencies not directed by the office of the
5 President of the United States;

6 (5) Affirm the security and accuracy of all elections conducted in
7 Colorado, as ensured by Colorado's premier electoral system that has
8 increased voter participation while ensuring electoral integrity and that
9 has served as a model to other states;

10 (6) Support bipartisan efforts to uphold free and fair elections and
11 preserve the democratic process through which Colorado voters can elect
12 candidates of choice and approve or reject ballot measures free from
13 undue interference;

14 (7) Call on Congress, the office of the President of the United
15 States, and all federal agencies to respect state authority over elections
16 and to accept certified election results from Colorado;

17 (8) Commit to continuing to advance policies that remove undue
18 barriers to participation for eligible voters, that continue to strengthen
19 election security, and that increase public education and engagement in
20 the democratic process;

21 (9) Reject unfounded and debunked claims that noncitizen voting
22 is widespread and affecting election outcomes; and

23 (10) Affirm the humanity and dignity of all Coloradans, regardless
24 of citizenship status or eligibility to vote, as vital members of our
25 communities in every corner of our state.

26 *Be It Further Resolved* that copies of this resolution be sent to the
27 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority
28 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority
29 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the
30 United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the
31 Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and all members of the
32 Colorado congressional delegation.