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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-009

101 **CONCERNING AWARENESS DAY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL**
102 **AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

1 WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Colorado's community-based
2 services system has led the way for individuals with intellectual and
3 developmental disabilities to receive services and supports that afford
4 them greater independence and community interaction; and

5 WHEREAS, Colorado's community system for individuals with
6 intellectual and developmental disabilities has a long, proud history of
7 enabling individuals to move from large, institutional services to smaller,
8 community-based integrated services that offer personalized assistance
9 and support; and

10 WHEREAS, Colorado's community system for individuals with

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HOUSE
Amended Final Rdg.
February 15, 2017

SENATE
Final Reading
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1 intellectual and developmental disabilities helps individuals obtain
2 meaningful employment in a variety of settings, allowing them to work
3 and build relationships within their communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Coloradans with intellectual and developmental
5 disabilities in every county across the state are able to live, learn, play,
6 and work in their communities with the dignity, choices, opportunities,
7 and responsibilities afforded to all citizens due to the services and
8 supports provided by local community-centered boards, program-
9 approved service agencies, host-home providers, families, parents, and
10 natural community support; and

11 WHEREAS, There is significant demand across Colorado for
12 services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental
13 disabilities, and waiting lists for services are growing; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, more than 20,000 Coloradans with intellectual
15 and developmental disabilities receive high-quality services and supports
16 through community-centered boards and program-approved service
17 agencies; now, therefore,

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

20 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
21 proclaim February 15, 2017, to be Awareness Day for Individuals with
22 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the state of Colorado.

23 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
24 to community-centered boards and organizations that provide services
25 and supports to adults and children with intellectual and developmental
26 disabilities and their families throughout Colorado.