



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-018

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

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

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

WHEREAS, As one of the authors of the essays now known as the Federalist Papers, James Madison helped educate the public about the aims, merits, and context of the new Constitution; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, March 16 is the birthday of James Madison; 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 Wednesday, March 16, 2016, be proclaimed Liberty Day in Colorado and that March 2016 be proclaimed Liberty Month in Colorado; and

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

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to Colorado Commissioner of Education Richard Crandall and to Steve Durham, Valentina Flores, Jane Goff, Pam Mazanec, Joyce Rankin,

Debora Scheffel, and Angelika Schroeder, members of the Colorado State Board of Education.

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