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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1003

101 **CONCERNING NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH.**

1 WHEREAS, More than 55 years ago, January was first designated
2 as National Blood Donor Month to honor voluntary blood donors and
3 encourage more people to donate blood at a time when blood supplies are
4 historically low; and

5 WHEREAS, Vitalant has been serving the community with the
6 collection and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products to
7 patients for more than 80 years; and

8 WHEREAS, In our communities, the need for a diverse blood
9 supply is constant, but the supply is not, making volunteer blood donors
10 the foundation for ensuring a safe and stable supply of blood available to
11 help meet the medical needs of patients; and

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1 WHEREAS, A blood transfusion occurs in the United States every
2 two seconds, but only 3% of the age-eligible population donates blood;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Type O blood is often used in trauma situations,
5 making it the most needed blood type and most likely to be in short
6 supply during a blood emergency; and

7 WHEREAS, Patients requiring blood transfusions include cancer
8 patients; accident, burn, and trauma victims; newborn babies and their
9 mothers; transplant recipients; surgery patients; chronically transfused
10 patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia; and many more;
11 now, therefore,

12 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
13 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

14 That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly,
15 hereby recognize the month of January as National Blood Donor Month
16 in the State of Colorado. We hereby urge all citizens to celebrate the
17 cause of blood donation and recognize volunteer blood donors for their
18 generous gifts. We further urge all eligible blood donors to donate
19 regularly, and we encourage businesses and organizations throughout the
20 State of Colorado to sponsor community-based blood drives with
21 Vitalant, among other blood centers, and provide citizens of our state with
22 the opportunity to give.

23 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
24 to Vitalant Denver Donation Center, Terumo Blood and Cell
25 Technologies, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and
26 Environment.