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STATE OF COLORADO**

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Scheffel and Garcia,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Lawrence and McCann,

Senate Committees

House Committees

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-026

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF "FIRST RESPONDER**
102 **APPRECIATION DAY".**

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

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

6 WHEREAS, First responders stand at the ready to come to the aid
7 of the citizens of the United States of America twenty-four hours a day;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, First responders are a vital part of our communities,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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1 not only standing ready to deal with emergencies but also volunteering in
2 our schools and community organizations; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Colorado joins the following states in designating
8 September 27 as "First Responder Appreciation Day": Alabama, Alaska,
9 Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland,
10 Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North
11 Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South
12 Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly wishes to honor and
15 support all first responders with an annual day of appreciation; now,
16 therefore,

17 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
18 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

19 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
20 designate September 27, 2016, as "First Responder Appreciation Day";

21 (2) That we recognize and honor the actions of first responders
22 who performed heroic actions in the line of duty or went above and
23 beyond the call of duty, including: Paramedic Robert "Bob" Marlin, South
24 Metro Fire Rescue; Chief Carl Tatum, Hanover Fire Protection District;
25 Captain Dan Hrouda, Fire Inspector, Evergreen Fire Rescue; Limon
26 Ambulance Service; Tim Dienst, CEO, Ute Pass Regional Emergency
27 Medical Services; Greg Foley, Grand County Search and Rescue and the
28 Mountain Rescue Association; Captain Erich Barber, Grand County
29 EMS; Sergeant Jason Hess, El Paso County Sheriff's Office; Tactical
30 Officers Robert Wolf and Dan Carter, K-9 Officer John Ford, and Patrol
31 Officer Mike Zamonas, Colorado Springs Police Department; Chief Jack
32 Lee, Paradox Fire Department; Dispatcher Cindy Link, Teller County
33 Sheriff's Office; Captain Tom Ruane, Lieutenants Kris Soppe, Brian
34 Myers, and Steve Winters, and Firefighters Jeremy Kunze, Jamie
35 Gutschick, Mike Polletta, Justin Cihak, Landon Mauck, Chris Villegas,
36 Bo Hutchinson, Andrew Lowe, Craig Staloway, Erik Long, Cameron

1 Halverson, and Brian Koontz, Colorado Springs Fire Department; Deputy
2 Jeffrey Brunkow of the Boulder County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Brian
3 King, Engineer Michael Ditolla, and Firefighters Nicholas Coster and
4 Christopher Rathburn, Denver Fire Department; Dr. Robert Morrow,
5 Walsh Ambulance Service; Officers Melissa Manzanares, Ryan Beale,
6 Mark Donohue, and Bob Wilson, and Dispatcher Mark Derham, Golden
7 Police Department; Deputies Steven Pike and Christopher Caro, Jefferson
8 County Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Toni Russell, Hot Sulphur Springs
9 Fire Department; Robert Good and Janee Gautreaux, AMR Colorado
10 Springs/El Paso County; EMT Nicole Richards, Kit Carson County
11 Ambulance Service; and Paramedic Chad Bauer, Ute Pass Regional
12 Emergency Medical Services;

13 (3) That we recognize and honor the first responders who died in
14 the line of duty, including: Deputy Derek Geer, Mesa County Sheriff's
15 Office; Officer Garrett Swasey, University of Colorado-Colorado
16 Springs; Trooper Jaime Jursevics, Colorado State Patrol; Corporal Nate
17 Carrigan, Park County Sheriff's Office; Trooper Taylor Joseph Thyfault,
18 Colorado State Patrol; Deputy Sheriff Travis Russell, Las Animas County
19 Sheriff's Office; and Deputy Sean Renfro, Jefferson County Sheriff's
20 Office;

21 (4) That we recognize and honor the first responders who were
22 injured in the line of duty, including: Officer Tony Lopez, Jr., Denver
23 Police Department; Officer Rachel Eid, Denver Police Department;
24 Technician John Ruddy, Denver Police Department; Master Patrol
25 Deputy Kolby Martin, Park County Sheriff's Office; Captain Mark
26 Hancock, Park County Sheriff's Office; _____ Trooper Clint Rushing,
27 Colorado State Patrol; and Deputy Sheila Kirin, Jefferson County
28 Sheriff's Office; and

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

31 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
32 to:

33 (1) The following organizations: Colorado Association of Chiefs
34 of Police; County Sheriffs of Colorado; Colorado State Fire Fighters
35 Association; Colorado Professional Fire Fighters; Emergency Medical
36 Services Association of Colorado; the I Love You Guys Foundation;
37 National EMS Memorial Service; Larimer Emergency Telephone

1 Authority; Colorado State Fire Chiefs; and Colorado Search and Rescue
2 Board;

3 (2) The following government officials and offices: Stan Hilkey,
4 Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Safety; Paul Cooke,
5 Director, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Colorado Department
6 of Public Safety; Rocco Snart, Colorado Division of Fire Management
7 and Control, U.S. Bureau of Land Management; Mike Chard, Director,
8 Boulder County Office of Emergency Management; Jay T. Esperance,
9 Incident Commander, Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team;
10 Marti Whitmore, Public Information Officer, Ouray County; Lynn
11 Padgett, Chairperson, Ouray County Board of County Commissioners;
12 Mike Butler, Public Safety Chief, Longmont Public Safety; Melissa
13 Lineberger, Director, Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology
14 Aerial Firefighting, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control;
15 Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency;
16 and Kyle Patterson, Spokesperson, Rocky Mountain National Park;

17 (3) Tim Gregg, Executive Director of National First Responders
18 Appreciation Day;

19 (4) The following first responders: Colorado State Patrol;
20 Jefferson County Sheriff's Office; Jefferson County Regional SWAT;
21 Park County Sheriff's Office; North Fork Volunteer Fire Department;
22 Foothills Fire Department; Mountain View Fire Department; Wiggins
23 Rural Fire Department; Fort Morgan Fire Department; City of Brush Fire
24 Department; City of Aurora Police Department; Arapahoe County
25 Sheriff's Office; City of Aurora Fire Department; Emergency Medical
26 Services, Denver Health Medical Center; Emergency Department,
27 Medical Center of Aurora; Trauma Program Director, Medical Center of
28 Aurora; Emergency Medical Services, Swedish Medical Center Denver;
29 HealthOne Clinic Services EMS and Trauma Unit; Rist Canyon
30 Volunteer Fire Department; Poudre Fire Authority; City of Fort Collins
31 Police Department; Larimer County Sheriff's Office; City of Colorado
32 Springs Police Department; El Paso County Sheriff's Office; Mesa
33 County Sheriff's Office; West Metro Fire Protection District; CO-TF1,
34 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue; City of Wheat Ridge Police
35 Department; Elbert County Sheriff's Office; Great Basin Type 1 Incident
36 Management Team; Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team;
37 Huerfano County Fire Department; Lafayette Fire Department; Boulder
38 County Sheriff's Office; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station
39 3; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District - Station 1; Poudre Canyon Fire

1 Protection District - Station 2; Berthoud Fire Protection District; Estes
2 Park Volunteer Fire Department; Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire
3 Department; Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District; Glacier View Fire
4 Protection District; Livermore Fire Protection District; Loveland Fire
5 Department; Big Elk Volunteer Fire Department; Poudre Canyon Fire
6 Protection District - Station 4; Red Feather Lakes Fire Protection District;
7 Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department; Wellington Fire Protection
8 District; Larimer County Sheriff's office; City of Lyons Fire Department;
9 Yarnell Fire Department; Denver Police Department; Louisville Police
10 Department; Louisville Fire Department; Lafayette Police Department;
11 Erie Police Department; Mountain View Fire Protection District;
12 Colorado Springs Fire Department; Pueblo City Fire Department; Pueblo
13 West Fire Department; Denver Fire Department; Colorado River Fire
14 Rescue; American Medical Response Pueblo; American Medical
15 Response Aurora; American Medical Response Boulder; American
16 Medical Response Canon City; American Medical Response Denver;
17 American Medical Response Golden; American Medical Response
18 Longmont; Evergreen Fire/Rescue; South Metro Fire Rescue; Wheat
19 Ridge Fire Department; and Grand County EMS; and

20 (5) Each of the first responders recognized and honored in
21 subsections (2) and (4) of this Joint Resolution and the families of each
22 of the first responders recognized and honored in subsection (3) of this
23 Joint Resolution.