



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-009

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CONCERNING AWARENESS DAY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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

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

WHEREAS, Colorado's community system for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities helps individuals obtain meaningful employment in a variety of settings, allowing them to work and build relationships within their communities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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