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A RESOLUTION:

COLORADO STATE BOARD OF

**EDUCATION** 

IN SUPPORT OF THE COLORADO FAMILY LITERACY EDUCATION FUND

WHEREAS, the Colorado Family Literacy Act (HB02-1303) was signed into law by

Governor Bill Owens on May 30, 2002, and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado Family Literacy Act creates the Family Literacy Education

Fund, entitled to receive tax-deductible gifts, grants, and donations for the

administration of the Act, and,

WHEREAS, current levels of federal funding accommodate less than one tenth of

Colorado's family literacy learning needs, and,

WHEREAS, the fund will provide support for the educational development of adults and

children within a family unit, as an effective strategy in closing the achievement

gap, and,

**WHEREAS**, family literacy programs provide parents with an opportunity to increase their

children's school readiness and academic success as well as their own educational improvement and potential family well-being, stability, and self-

sufficiency, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado State Board of Education recognizes the critical role of family

literacy in stimulating love of learning, economic well-being and quality of life

for both the individual and the community, and,

**WHEREAS**, unless sufficient funds are credited to the Family Literacy Education Fund by

December 1, 2002, the Act will be repealed, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Colorado State Board of Education fully endorses the creation

of the Colorado Family Literacy Education Fund, congratulates the General Assembly and the Governor on passage of the Colorado Family Literacy Education Act, and encourages the corporate, foundation, and philanthropic community to contribute generously to

the fund by December 1, 2002.

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