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June 4, 2014

Secretary Robert Hammond
Colorado State Board of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue
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Dear Secretary Hammond:

Enclosed are copies of the following Senate Joint Resolutions adopted by the Colorado General Assembly during the 2014 legislative session. These documents are being sent to you in accordance with the provisions contained therein:

SJR14-005 *Concerning recognition of School Choice Week in Colorado.*

SJR14-019 *Concerning the establishment of March 16 as Liberty Day.*

Sincerely,

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-005

BY SENATOR(S) Herpin, Aguilar, Balmer, Baumgardner, Brophy, Cadman, Crowder, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hill, Hodge, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Rivera, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Zenzinger, Carroll;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Priola, Becker, Buck, Conti, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Dore, Duran, Everett, Exum, Fields, Foote, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lee, May, McCann, McLachlan, McNulty, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Murray, Navarro, Nordberg, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Rankin, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Schafer, Singer, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Swalm, Szabo, Waller, Wilson, Wright, Young, Ferrandino.

CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK IN COLORADO.

WHEREAS, All children in Colorado should have the opportunity to attend the highest-quality schools available; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across Colorado agree that improving the quality of education in this state and expanding access to great schools should be an issue of great importance to state leaders; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has a multitude of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, home-based schools, and private schools; and

WHEREAS, The vital need for education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, Research in Colorado and across the nation conclusively demonstrates that providing children with multiple schooling options

improves academic performance; and

WHEREAS, Numerous organizations in Colorado work to improve the lives of students and advocate for a variety of educational opportunities for families, including charter schools, open enrollment in public schools, home-based schools, private schools, and on-line schools; now, therefore,

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

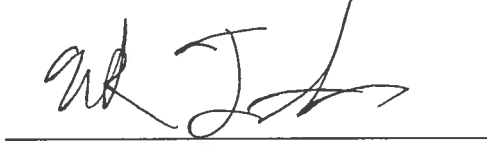
That we recognize the importance of providing Colorado's families with access to quality education and the ability to choose the school that is best suited to their children's needs; and

That we recognize the week of January 26 through February 1, 2014, to be School Choice Week in the state of Colorado.

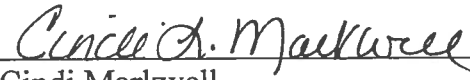
Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor John Hickenlooper, Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia, and the members of the Colorado State Board of Education.



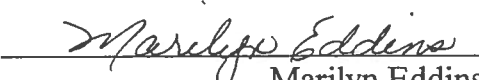
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-019

BY SENATOR(S) Hodge and Grantham, Aguilar, Balmer, Baumgardner, Brophy, Cadman, Crowder, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Herpin, Hill, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Rivera, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Zenzinger, Carroll; also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Singer and Buck, Becker, Buckner, Conti, Coram, Court, Duran, Everett, Exum, Fields, Fischer, Foote, Garcia, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, May, McCann, McNulty, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Murray, Navarro, Pabon, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rankin, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Salazar, Schafer, Scott, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Swalm, Szabo, Tyler, Vigil, Waller, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young, Ferrandino.

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARCH 16 AS LIBERTY DAY.

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 off-spring 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

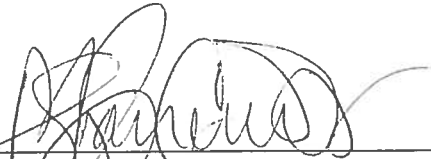
WHEREAS, With his life's work, James Madison helped create the bedrock of liberty this nation was built upon, and in his thoughtful leadership and authorship we have a blueprint for effective governing; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, March 16, 2014, is the birthday of James Madison; now, therefore,

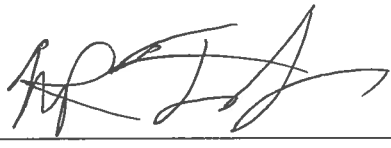
Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That Sunday, March 16, 2014, be proclaimed Liberty Day in Colorado and that March 2014 be proclaimed Liberty Month in Colorado.

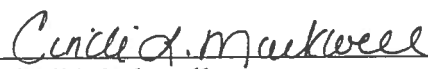
Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to Jane Goff, Elaine Gantz Berman, Debora Scheffel, Pam Mazanec, Marcia Neal, Angelika Schroeder, Paul Lundeen, Robert Hammond, and Carey Taylor Markel, the members of the State Board of Education.




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