



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-1014

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CONCERNING AWARENESS DAY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

WHEREAS, In 1963, a Colorado statute authorized the provision of services and supports for Colorado citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities through local, citizen-controlled, and citizen-established community-centered boards and program-approved service agencies, offering an alternative to state-operated regional facilities; and

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 in a manner that affords them greater independence by fostering relationships between the individuals receiving services and supports and local community resources; 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 and program-approved service agencies; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans with intellectual and developmental disabilities want a person-centered system in which they are actively engaged in making informed choices to receive the right services, at the right time, and in the right places; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's community system for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities has a long and proud history of enabling people to move from large institutional services to smaller, community-based integrated services, offering alternatives in the types of services and supports they receive; and

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

WHEREAS, Direct-support professionals assist individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead self-directed and empowered lives and should receive adequate wages, benefits, and training; and

WHEREAS, People with intellectual and developmental disabilities should have access to comprehensible information and usable communication technologies to promote self-determination and meaningful engagement with all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Today, more than 15,000 Coloradans with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive high-quality services and supports through community-centered boards and program-approved service agencies; and

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

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

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, proclaim February 18, 2015, 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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