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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-1014

101 CONCERNING AWARENESS DAY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
102 INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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

7 WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Colorado's community-based
8 services system has led the way for individuals with intellectual and
9 developmental disabilities to receive services and supports in a manner
10 that affords them greater independence by fostering relationships between
11 the individuals receiving services and supports and local community
12 resources; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
Final Reading
February 18, 2015

1 WHEREAS, Coloradans with intellectual and developmental
2 disabilities in every county across the state are able to live, learn, play,
3 and work in their communities with the dignity, choices, opportunities,
4 and responsibilities afforded to all citizens due to the services and
5 supports provided by local community- centered boards and
6 program-approved service agencies; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
4 proclaim February 18, 2015, to be Awareness Day for Individuals with
5 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the state of Colorado.

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