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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-010

101 **CONCERNING THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF**
102 **THE "NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT".**

1 WHEREAS, The "National Historic Preservation Act" (NHPA)
2 was signed into law on October 15, 1966, and established the nation's
3 legal framework for the protection and preservation of historic buildings,
4 landscapes, and archaeological discoveries; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States and thousands of public, private,
6 and nonprofit-sector partners are commemorating the 50th anniversary of
7 the NHPA throughout 2016 under the banner of "Preservation50"; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, the NHPA has had a profound
9 and positive impact on communities throughout Colorado and the United
10 States; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 WHEREAS, In the past 25 years alone, Colorado Main Street
2 programs and historic preservation designations have helped to recognize
3 and revitalize Colorado communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives
5 Program (Program) is the largest federal program supporting historic
6 preservation and has helped create millions of jobs, saved tens of
7 thousands of historic structures, and attracted billions of dollars in
8 investment; and

9 WHEREAS, In Colorado, the Program has supported important
10 preservation projects throughout the state such as the American National
11 Bank in Alamosa, the Tabor Grand Hotel in Leadville, and the Old
12 Sterling Public Library in Sterling, among others; and

13 WHEREAS, Colorado has one of the strongest state tax credit
14 programs in the United States, which has supported close to 1,100
15 projects that help to revitalize our large and small communities through
16 the preservation of historic places such as Riverside Block in Pueblo,
17 Commercial Street in Trinidad, and Stanley Aviation in Aurora; and

18 WHEREAS, The National Register of Historic Places, also created
19 by the NHPA, contains more than 80,000 historic properties, with at least
20 one place listed in almost every county in the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, Twenty-five National Historic Landmarks within
22 Colorado recognize significant historic and archaeological sites, including
23 Georgetown, Mesa Verde Administration District, and Trujillo
24 Homesteads; and

25 WHEREAS, Colorado recognizes the importance of rural and
26 agricultural communities, many of which have historic places that have
27 been designated as "Centennial Farms" by the state's Centennial Farms
28 Program that honors the vital contributions farmers and ranchers make in
29 preserving historic buildings and our state's heritage; and

30 WHEREAS, Heritage tourism is a critical component of
31 Colorado's economy and the Colorado Tourism Office is an active partner
32 of Preservation50 in ensuring a strong future for our vibrant communities
33 participating in historic preservation efforts; and

1 WHEREAS, The State Historical Fund, created by constitutional
2 amendment in 1990, is one of the most robust and successful programs
3 in the nation focusing on the "rehabilitation of historic buildings,
4 archaeological excavations, preservation planning studies, and
5 education"; and

6 WHEREAS, The Colorado State Historic Preservation Office
7 administers the Certified Local Government Program, which provides 52
8 localities with funding for preservation, education, and survey projects;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Colorado State Historic Preservation Office also
11 participates in the Section 106 federal review process, consulting on
12 thousands of projects annually for their impact on preservation efforts;
13 now, therefore,

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

16 That the Colorado General Assembly hereby commemorates the
17 "National Historic Preservation Act" on the occasion of the 50th
18 anniversary of its passage and recognizes the significance of the NHPA
19 and its many benefits to Colorado and the United States.

20 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
21 to the History Colorado Preservation50 Advisory Committee; State
22 Historic Preservation Officer Steve Turner; Adams 12 Five Star Schools
23 Superintendent Christopher Gdowski and Board of Education members;
24 Discover Colorado students at Century Middle School in Adams 12 Five
25 Star Schools; and the Colorado Preserve America Youth Summit CEO
26 and President Harry Bruell.