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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 00-012

101 CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF THE "MILLION MOM MARCH",
102 MOTHER'S DAY 2000.

1 WHEREAS, The level of violence involving guns across our state
2 and around the nation continues to rise; and

3 WHEREAS, It is reported that the United States has the highest
4 rate of gun violence among the world's most prosperous nations; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Gallup polls conducted in August
6 of 1999, 66% of Americans favored common sense gun legislation; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1997, 86% of the gun deaths of children under 15
8 years of age occurred in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, The concept of the Million Mom March, that will be
10 held in Washington, D.C. on Mother's Day, May 14th, 2000, was
11 launched on Labor Day 1999, by one mother, Donna Dees-Thomases, to
12 deliver a message to lawmakers to enact sensible gun legislation by
13 Mother's Day 2000, to promote the safety of children; and

14 WHEREAS, The policy goals that the organizers of the Million
15 Mom March endorse are to encourage the United States Congress to pass
16 legislation that includes cooling-off periods and background checks on
17 gun purchases, licensing of all handgun owners and handguns, mandatory
18 safety locks, and limitations on handgun purchases; and

19 WHEREAS, Many national organizations have offered their
20 support for the Million Mom March, Mother's Day 2000; and

21 WHEREAS, Many other states will be hosting their own marches
22 on Mother's Day, including Colorado; now, therefore

23 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-second General Assembly*
24 *of the State of Colorado, the House concurring herein:*

1 That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the
2 mission of the Million Mom March and support the efforts to mobilize
3 mothers and all concerned family members on Mother's Day 2000, in
4 Washington, D.C. and cities throughout the country to promote sensible
5 legislation concerning gun laws in order to protect children across the
6 nation and in our state from gun violence.

7 *Be it further resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to
8 Kathleen Hopkins, Colorado State Coordinator for the national Million
9 Mom March in Washington, D.C., Pat Kramer, State March Coordinator
10 for the Million Mom March, Donna Dees-Thomases, founder of the
11 Million Mom March, and the members of the congressional delegation
12 representing the State of Colorado in the United States Congress.