SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 00-008
BY SENATORS Blickensderfer, Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Chlouber, Congrove, Dennis, Dyer, Epps, Feeley, Hernandez, Hillman, Martinez, Musgrave, Nichol, Owen, Pascoe, Powers, Reeves, Rupert, Sullivant, Tanner, Tebedo, Teck, Thiebaut, Wattenberg, Weddig, and Wham;
also REPRESENTATIVES Stengel, Alexander, Allen, Bacon, Berry, Chavez, Clapp, Clarke, Coleman, Dean, Decker, Fairbank, Gagliardi, George, Gordon, Gotlieb, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hefley, Hoppe, Johnson, Kaufman, Keller, Kester, King, Larson, Lawrence, Lee, Leyba, Mace, May, McElhany, McKay, McPherson, Miller, Mitchell, Morrison, Nunez, Paschall, Pfiffner, Plant, Ragsdale, Saliman, Scott, Sinclair, Smith, Spence, Spradley, Swenson, Takis, Tapia, Tate, Taylor, Tochtrop, Tool, Tupa, Veiga, Vigil, Webster, S. Williams, T. Williams, Windels, Witwer, Young, and Zimmerman.

CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF LIBERTY DAY AND LIBERTY MONTH IN THE STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, We as Americans enjoy our liberties as a result of the documents that our founding fathers created, those documents being 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, the model and the basis of discussion for the forming of a new constitution, in the constitutional convention of 1787, which new constitution established our new form of government, replacing the Articles of Confederation; and

WHEREAS, James Madison kept written records of the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787, which debates and compromises finally produced the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Such records were not made public until the last signer died, who was James Madison, and his wife, Dolley Madison, sold the records to the United States government, and they were published around 1840; and

WHEREAS, James Madison wrote many of the newspaper articles which outlined the reasons that the states should endorse the new constitution; and

WHEREAS, These articles became known as the Federalist Papers, and were co-written with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay and still stand as some of the best arguments for our form of government, a representative republic; 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 was Secretary of State from 1801 until 1809, and president of the United States from 1809 until 1817; and

WHEREAS, Thursday, March 16, 2000, is the 249th anniversary of the birth of James Madison; now, therefore,

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

That, Thursday, March 16, 2000, be proclaimed Liberty Day Colorado and that the month of March 2000 be proclaimed Liberty Month Colorado.

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Ray Powers	Russell George
PRESIDENT OF	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
THE SENATE	OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Patricia K. Dicks	Judith M. Rodrigue
SECRETARY OF	CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
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