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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 02-1015**

101     **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF A COLORADO GREYHOUND**  
102             **ADOPTION DAY.**

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1             WHEREAS, The Greyhound dog is one of the oldest currently  
2 existing breeds; and

3             WHEREAS, The origin of the Greyhound is deeply rooted in  
4 ancient history, with dogs looking similar to today's Greyhound being  
5 depicted more than 4,000 years ago on the walls of ancient Egyptian  
6 tombs; and

7             WHEREAS, The Arabs so admired the physical attributes and  
8 speed of the Greyhound that it was the only animal permitted to share  
9 their tents and ride atop their camels; and

10            WHEREAS, The Greyhound arrived in Europe 3,500 years ago,  
11 and in 1014 A.D., King Canute of England enacted the Forest Laws,  
12 which stated that only noblemen could own and hunt with greyhounds;  
13 and

14            WHEREAS, Queen Elizabeth I abolished the Forest Laws in the

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment.** Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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1 1500s and later initiated the first formal rules of greyhound coursing (the  
2 pursuit of hares); and

3 WHEREAS, In the late 1800s, farmers imported Greyhounds to  
4 the United States to help control jackrabbit populations, and because of  
5 their speed and natural instincts, Greyhounds soon became the focus of  
6 popular neighborhood competitions--the first organized Greyhound racing  
7 events; and

8 WHEREAS, Greyhound racing as we know it today began in 1912  
9 with Owen Patrick Smith's invention of a mechanical lure that could  
10 circle a track, with the first track opening in 1919 in Emeryville,  
11 California; and

12 WHEREAS, Greyhounds have an average life expectancy of 12 to  
13 14 years but are retired from racing between 2 to 5 years of age with  
14 many good years left to live; and

15 WHEREAS, There are numerous available Greyhounds waiting  
16 each year to be adopted when they are retired from racing; and

17 WHEREAS, The Greyhound's devotion to people is legendary,  
18 and retired Greyhounds seem especially loyal to their owners as they now  
19 experience the constant love and attention of a family of their own and  
20 they thrive on this love and return it tenfold; now, therefore,

21 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*  
22 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
23 *herein:*

24 That the General Assembly hereby declares March 15 as Colorado  
25 Greyhound Adoption Day.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be  
27 sent to each Greyhound adoption organization in Colorado.