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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-009

101 **CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY CENTERED**

102 **DAY.**

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

5 WHEREAS, Today, more than 13,000 Coloradans, representing
6 about 96% of the population of individuals with developmental
7 disabilities in Colorado, partner with community centered boards and
8 service provider organizations to receive high-quality supports in every
9 county across the state; and

10 WHEREAS, Colorado citizens with developmental disabilities are
11 able to live, learn, play, and work in their communities with the dignity,
12 choices, opportunities, and responsibilities accorded to all citizens due to
13 the supports provided by local community centered boards and service
14 provider organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals provide a wide range of

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 supportive services to individuals with developmental disabilities on a
2 day-to-day basis, including habilitation, health needs, personal care and
3 hygiene, employment, transportation, recreation, and housekeeping and
4 other home management-related supports and services so that these
5 individuals can live and work in their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals generally assist
7 individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities to
8 lead self-directed family, community, and social lives; and

9 WHEREAS, High rates of employee vacancies and turnover
10 threaten the ability of providers to achieve their core mission, which is
11 the provision of safe and high-quality supports to individuals with mental
12 retardation or other developmental disabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Direct support professionals are well-trained,
14 committed individuals, dedicated to providing quality individualized
15 services to persons with developmental disabilities and to children with,
16 or at risk of, developmental delay; now, therefore,

17 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly*
18 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

19 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
20 proclaim February 16, 2005, to be Developmental Disabilities
21 Community Centered Day in the state of Colorado.

22 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this joint resolution be sent
23 to Alliance, formerly known as the Colorado Association of Community
24 Centered Boards, and each of its membership organizations.