



HOUSE BILL 14-1024

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Murray, Conti, Court, Fields, Fischer, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hulinghorst, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lawrence, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Priola, Ryden, Schafer, Singer, Williams; also SENATOR(S) Schwartz, Crowder, Johnston, Nicholson, Roberts, Scheffel, Todd.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CLARET CUP CACTUS AS THE STATE CACTUS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The *echinocereus triglochidiatus* cactus, more commonly known as the claret cup cactus, is native to Colorado and is found in the state's varied habitats, from low, dry land to rocky slopes and mountain woodlands;

(b) The claret cup cactus grows in elevations from four hundred ninety feet to nine thousand eight hundred fifty feet;

(c) The claret cup cactus is considered one of the easiest varieties of

cactus to grow and is very popular in rock gardens;

(d) The claret cup cactus is widely cultivated for its beautiful flowers;

(e) The primary pollinators of the flowers of the claret cup cactus are hummingbirds because the long-tubed shape of the flowers can accommodate the hummingbirds' long beaks and their whirring wings; and

(f) The fruit of the claret cup cactus is edible.

(2) It is therefore the intent of the general assembly that the claret cup cactus be added to the array of symbols that demonstrate our state character and pride.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-80-915 as follows:

24-80-915. State cactus. THE CLARET CUP CACTUS (ECHINOCEREUS TRIGLOCHIDIATUS) IS HEREBY MADE AND DECLARED TO BE THE STATE CACTUS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless

approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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