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SENATE RESOLUTION 15-003

101 CONCERNING PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS.

1 WHEREAS, The life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource
2 centers on the women, children, and men and communities they serve is
3 considerable and growing; and

4 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers serve women in Colorado
5 and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 2,500 pregnancy resource centers across
7 the United States meet the comprehensive physical, psychological,
8 emotional, and spiritual needs of women and men facing unplanned
9 pregnancies; and

10 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers offer women free,
11 confidential services, including pregnancy testing, advocacy, housing,
12 medical referrals, counseling, and childbirth and parenting classes; and

13 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy resource centers offer medical
14 services such as ultrasounds and sexually transmitted disease testing; and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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Final Reading
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1 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers encourage women to
2 make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate
3 information regarding their pregnancy options and the development of
4 their unborn children; and

5 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy resource centers provide
6 information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

7 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers ensure that women are
8 receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of
9 healthy newborns; and

10 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers provide women with
11 compassionate and confidential counseling in a nonjudgmental manner,
12 regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

13 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers provide important support
14 and resources for women who choose childbirth; and

15 WHEREAS, The federal government and state governments are
16 increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy resource
17 centers; and

18 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy resource centers work to prevent
19 unexpected pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in
20 many venues, including in public schools, and provide grief assistance for
21 women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices
22 they have made; and

23 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers operate primarily through
24 reliance on thousands of donors and the time and energy of caring
25 individuals, including medical professionals, who are committed to caring
26 for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life; and

27 WHEREAS, Pregnancy resource centers provide full disclosure,
28 in both their advertisements and direct contact with women, of the types
29 of services they provide; and

30 WHEREAS, There are at least 39 pregnancy resource centers
31 currently in operation in Colorado; now, therefore,

32 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*

1 *of the State of Colorado:*

2 (1) That we, the members of the Senate, strongly support
3 pregnancy resource centers in their unique, positive contributions to the
4 individual lives of women and men and of babies -- both born and
5 unborn;

6 (2) That we commend the compassionate work of tens of
7 thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy resource centers in
8 Colorado and across the United States;

9 (3) That we encourage Congress and federal and state government
10 agencies to grant pregnancy resource centers assistance for medical
11 equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not
12 compromise the religious integrity of these organizations; and

13 (4) That we disapprove of the actions of any national, state, or
14 local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy resource centers from
15 effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

16 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to
17 each pregnancy resource center in Colorado; Governor John
18 Hickenlooper; President Barack Obama; Senator Orrin Hatch, President
19 Pro Tempore, United States Senate; and Speaker John Boehner, United
20 States House of Representatives.