



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-028

BY SENATOR(S) Andrews, Perlmutter, Anderson, Arnold, Cairns, Dyer (Arapahoe), Dyer (Durango), Chlouber, Epps, Entz, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hernandez, Hillman, Lamborn, Linkhart, Matsunaka, May, McElhany, Musgrave, Nichol, Owen, Pascoe, Phillips, Reeves, Tate, Taylor, Teck, Thiebaut, Tupa, and Windels;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Clapp, Bacon, Boyd, Cloer, Coleman, Daniel, Grossman, Jahn, Larson, Mace, Ragsdale, Romanoff, Stafford, and Veiga.

CONCERNING "KIDS' BICYCLE HELMET WEEK".

WHEREAS, Millions of children ride bicycles everyday; and

WHEREAS, It takes years for a child to develop balance and skill to ride a bike safely; and

WHEREAS, More children between the ages of 5 and 14 are injured while riding a bike than are injured in any other sport; and

WHEREAS, In Colorado in 1999, 600 bike injuries resulted in hospitalization and \$8.7 million was spent on hospital care necessitated by such bicycle injuries; and

WHEREAS, National estimates report that bicycle helmet use among child bicyclists ranges from 15 to 25 percent despite the fact that a child not wearing a helmet is 14 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than helmeted riders; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 75 percent of bicycle-related fatalities among children could be prevented with a bicycle helmet; and

WHEREAS, Studies indicate that by simply wearing a bicycle helmet, the risk of head injury is reduced by 85 percent, and it is estimated that the investment in a \$10 bicycle helmet could save our country \$395 per person

in direct medical costs; and

WHEREAS, Promoting bicycle helmet safety awareness and education is important in encouraging kids to wear bicycle helmets; and

WHEREAS, The students, parents, teachers, and administrators of High Plains Elementary School in Greenwood Village, Colorado, led by members of their legislative club, should be commended for their community activism aimed at raising awareness concerning bicycle helmet safety; now, therefore,

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

That the week of April 30, 2001, be declared "Kids' Bicycle Helmet Week" in order to raise awareness about the importance of bicycle helmet safety and to promote the use of bicycle helmets by children.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to the principal and legislative club at High Plains Elementary School, and the superintendent and board of education of Cherry Creek Schools.

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PRESIDENT OF  
THE SENATE

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