



SENATE RESOLUTION 01-017

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CONCERNING PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY.

WHEREAS, An overwhelming number of American families suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss every year; and

WHEREAS, According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control, in 1996 16 percent of over 6 million pregnancies ended in either miscarriage or stillbirth, totaling nearly one million prenatal losses. Although 3,720,000 of those pregnancies resulted in live births, 26,784 of those infants died within the first 11 months; and

WHEREAS, While miscarriages and stillbirths are most often caused by abnormal development in the womb, the exact cause of a loss of a pregnancy often goes unexplained; and

WHEREAS, Because of the nature of miscarriages and stillbirths and the lack of understanding of pregnancy loss among the public, women and families that suffer this tragedy are often forced to bear their pain and sorrow over their loss in private and are not given the opportunity to grieve publicly; and

WHEREAS, Infant death results from a number of causes including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS, which kills many more children than cancer, heart disease, pneumonia, child abuse, AIDS, cystic fibrosis, and muscular dystrophy, combined; and

WHEREAS, The availability of information about pregnancy and infant loss is of the utmost importance to those who suffer this tragedy, and a public that is well informed and well educated about pregnancy and infant loss and its effects upon individuals and families can better respond with compassion and understanding to affected families; and

WHEREAS, Professionals, such as health care providers, clergy, funeral directors, and law enforcement officers, who come in contact with individuals and families who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss can better serve families if they have special training and knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss and its effects; and

WHEREAS, Support from family, friends, and members of the community is essential in helping those who have suffered from pregnancy and infant loss to cope with their loss; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

(1) That we, the members of the Senate of the General Assembly, proclaim October 15, 2001, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost, to lend support and comfort in a time of pain and heartache for those who have suffered from pregnancy and infant loss, and to create hope for the future.

(2) That citizens of the State of Colorado be called upon to become educated and informed about the effects of pregnancy and infant loss in order to provide compassionate support to individuals and families who are affected by this tragedy.

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