

# **COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **CONCERNING THE DISPLAY OF FREEDOM DOCUMENTS RELATING TO OUR AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE**

- WHEREAS, thousands of lives have been given in the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms embodied in historic American documents -- freedoms we still enjoy today; and
- WHEREAS, the continuance of our democratic form of government depends upon the awareness of a knowledgeable citizenry, and;
- WHEREAS, this awareness includes an appreciation, knowledge, and respect for the fundamental freedom documents of American democracy; and
- WHEREAS, our public schools have a central role in shaping our young people's knowledge and understanding of our nation's democratic heritage; and
- WHEREAS, such knowledge and understanding will promote the principles and practice of liberty and justice for all that are so vital to the well-being of our free society,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Colorado State Board of Education encourage school districts to appropriately display the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Preambles of the United States and Colorado Constitutions.

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