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### RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LIBERTY DAY AND LIBERTY MONTH IN COLORADO

- WHEREAS, We as Americans enjoy our liberties through the documents that our founding fathers created, those being known as the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights; and
- WHEREAS, James Madison was a contributing author of the Virginia Plan, the model and the basis of discussion for the forming of a new constitution, in the constitutional convention of 1787, which new constitution established our new form of government replacing the Articles of Confederation; and
- WHEREAS, James Madison kept written records of the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787, which debates and compromises finally produced the Constitution of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Such records were not made public until the last signer died, who was James Madison, and his wife, Dolly Madison, sold the records to the United States government, and they were published around 1840; and
- WHEREAS, James Madison wrote many of the newspaper articles which outlined the reasons that the states should endorse the new constitution; and
- WHEREAS, These articles became known as the Federalist Papers, and were co-written with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay and still stand as some of the best arguments for our form of government, a representative republic; and
- WHEREAS, James Madison served in the United States House of Representatives from 1789 until 1797, during which time he introduced into Congress the Bill of Rights, which was ratified by the states in 1791; and

WHEREAS, James Madison was Secretary of State from 1801 until 1809 and president of the United States from 1809 until 1817; and

WHEREAS, Friday, March 16, 2001 is the 247th anniversary of the birth of James Madison;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Board of Education proclaim Friday, March 16, 2001 Liberty Day Colorado, and that the month of March 2001 be proclaimed Liberty Month Colorado

Adopted March 4, 1999.

Re-adopted November 9, 2000.

5-0 Mr. Orr, Mrs. Chlouber, Mr. Burnett, Mr. DeHoff, and Mr. Stanford concur.  
Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Johnson were absent.