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COLORADO DECLARATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

We hold these truths to be of great significance to the future of the State of Colorado:

A QUALITY EDUCATION at every level is essential for the economic and civic well being of every Colorado resident;

HIGHER EDUCATION, in one or more of its many forms, is virtually a necessity in today's world for all students and prospective students;

LINKAGE AND COOPERATION between educators and administrators at all transition points in the education system is mandatory to assure proper preparation of our students for the higher education experience.

THE RESIDENTS of Colorado are entitled to expect continuous, incremental and at times, innovative improvement at every level of public education; and

LEADERSHIP by educators and every other segment of the Colorado community is vital for the future success of higher education in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned commit themselves to the following goals:

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION, to the maximum degree possible, shall be made available to every Colorado resident.

WHEN A CHILD STARTS SCHOOL, the expectations shall include successful participation in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and successful participation in one or more forms of higher education.

APPROPRIATE PUBLIC FUNDING, in all its various forms, will be provided to students and/or institutions of higher education to ensure the attainment of a high quality education.

Seated January 2005

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RESPONSIBLE, EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE utilization of these public funds by students and institutions of higher education, especially given the finite resources available, must accompany these goals.

AN AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY education is available, since a substantial number of students struggle to pay tuition.

THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION recommends adoption of this resolution by its partners in education including all higher education institutions, higher education governing boards, the Colorado State Board of Education, local school boards, principals, administrators, teachers, parents, business and community-based organizations.

DECLARED AND EFFECTIVE this 10th day of March, 2005