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## A RESOLUTION:

### CONCERNING PROCLAIMING A YEAR OF WORLD LANGUAGES

- WHEREAS,** the year 2005 has been designated the Year of Languages in a Resolution passed by the United States Senate; and
- WHEREAS,** our community and communities across America are welcoming many new neighbors, friends, employees, and citizens from countries and cultures throughout the world — people for whom English is not their native language; and
- WHEREAS,** Americans have growing social, cultural, and economic ties to the global community, offering great opportunities but presenting new challenges as we seek to communicate with and understand our international partners from different language and culture backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS,** studying world languages has been shown to contribute to increased cognitive skills, better academic performance, and greater understanding of the English language, while also providing life-long learning opportunities for people beyond school age; and
- WHEREAS,** proficiency in other languages enhances Americans' career opportunities and provides employers with a workforce with the necessary skills for an international marketplace; and
- WHEREAS,** world language educators are working cooperatively to promote the benefits of language learning to students, parents, business and industry, and

legislators throughout the nation, urging them to recognize the value of delivering better education to our students, of expanding the cultural and literary horizons of adult learners, and of strengthening America's position and security around the world; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Colorado State Board of Education hereby proclaims 2005 as

***“The Year of World Languages”***

in Colorado and urges all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by language education programs in our state and community and to support and participate in these programs to gain proficiency not only in English, but in other languages as well.

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