



SENATE RESOLUTION 03-018

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CONCERNING COMMENDING CITIES THAT CELEBRATE
COLUMBUS DAY.

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain with 90 crew members and 3 ships, and 10 weeks later, on October 12, 1492, spotted land; and

WHEREAS, Prior to Columbus' landing, there had been no accounts of the American continent or its inhabitants anywhere in European scholarly literature and discussion or in the popular chronicles; and

WHEREAS, The expedition of Columbus was unique and significant in that it resulted in the first intertwining of Europe with the Americas, resulting in the first permanent European colonies in the New World; and

WHEREAS, The first recorded celebration of Columbus Day in the United States took place on October 12, 1792, to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Columbus' landing; and

WHEREAS, In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation urging Americans to mark the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage; and

WHEREAS, The Italian-American community in Pueblo held Colorado's first Columbus Day parade in 1905; and

WHEREAS, In 1907, Senator Casimiro Barela, one of the first hispanic Colorado Senators, sponsored a bill in connection with Denver resident

Angelo Noce proclaiming Columbus Day, October 12, to be a public holiday, and the bill was approved on April 1, 1907; and

WHEREAS, With the passage of Senator Barela's bill, in 1907 Colorado became the first state to observe Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed October 12 as Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, President Richard Nixon declared Columbus Day a national holiday to be observed on the second Monday in October; and

WHEREAS, On October 8, 2001, and October 14, 2002, President George W. Bush issued proclamations in recognition of Columbus Day and urged the people of the United States to reflect on the contributions of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day festivities in Pueblo include a wreath-laying ceremony at a statue of Columbus, organized and sponsored by sisters Roseann Musso and Shirley Allenback in honor of their parents, Charles and Jennie Musso; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day celebrations in Denver traditionally include a downtown parade; and

WHEREAS, The cities of Denver and Pueblo, and other communities, continue the tradition of observing Columbus Day each year with local celebrations and parades; now, therefore,

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

That Denver and Pueblo are commended for continuing the tradition of observing Columbus Day, and other communities throughout Colorado are encouraged to recognize Columbus Day with their own celebrations.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Denver Mayor Wellington E. Webb, Pueblo City Council President Dr. Bill Sova, the Denver City Council, and the Pueblo City Council.

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THE SENATE

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