



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11-019

BY SENATOR(S) Lundberg, Kopp, Aguilar, Bacon, Boyd, Brophy, Cadman, Carroll, Foster, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hodge, Hudak, Jahn, Johnston, King K., King S., Lambert, Mitchell, Morse, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Shaffer B., Spence, Steadman, Tochtrop, White, Williams S.;

also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Nikkel, Acree, Balmer, Barker, Baumgardner, Becker, Beezley, Bradford, Brown, Casso, Conti, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Duran, Ferrandino, Fields, Fischer, Gardner B., Gardner D., Gerou, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Jones, Joshi, Kagan, Kefalas, Kerr A., Kerr J., Labuda, Lee, Levy, Liston, Looper, Massey, McCann, McKinley, Miklosi, Murray, Pabon, Pace, Peniston, Priola, Ramirez, Riesberg, Ryden, Schafer S., Scott, Solano, Sonnenberg, Soper, Stephens, Summers, Swalm, Swerdfeger, Szabo, Todd, Tyler, Vaad, Vigil, Waller, Williams A., Wilson, McNulty.

CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COLORADO AS A UNITED STATES TERRITORY.

WHEREAS, The wave of settlement caused by the Pike's Peak Gold Rush of 1858 through 1861 spurred a movement for the creation of a United States Territory in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, President James Buchanan signed an act of Congress creating the Territory of Colorado and providing a temporary government for the territory on February 28, 1861; and

WHEREAS, The Territory of Colorado was comprised of land acquired in the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and the Mexican Cession in 1848 and reallocated from portions of the Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, and New Mexico Territories; and

WHEREAS, In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln appointed William Gilpin as the first territorial governor of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, As Governor of Colorado, William Gilpin oversaw the first Colorado Territorial Assembly and the formation of Colorado's original counties and also protected the territory during the early years of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Colorado remained a territory until it was admitted to the Union as the 38th state on August 1, 1876; and

WHEREAS, The boundaries of the Territory of Colorado were identical to the current boundaries of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The histories of the Territory of Colorado and the State of Colorado are inextricably related; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That the Colorado General Assembly recognizes February 28, 2011, as the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Territory of Colorado.

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PRESIDENT OF  
THE SENATE

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