**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1020**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Gardner and Fields, Buck, Buckner, Conti, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Duran, Everett, Exum, Fischer, Foote, Garcia, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, Levy, May, McCann, McLachlan, McNulty, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Murray, Navarro, Nordberg, Pabon, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rankin, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Salazar, Schafer, Scott, Singer, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Swalm, Szabo, Tyler, Vigil, Waller, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young, Ferrandino;**
**also SENATOR(S) Jahn and King, Aguilar, Balmer, Baumgardner, Brophy, Cadman, Carroll, Crowder, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hill, Hodge, Hudak, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse.**

**CONCERNING CELEBRATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLORADO VICTIMS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT.**

WHEREAS, Crime and the threat of violence have profound effects on individuals, families, and communities in America; and

WHEREAS, More than 18 million Americans are victims of crime each year; and

WHEREAS, Crime victims have the right to be kept informed of and involved in criminal processes and to be afforded protection and restitution from their offenders; and

WHEREAS, Despite the overall reduction in the rate of crime, far too many persons still suffer the physical, psychological, and financial impacts of crime; and

WHEREAS, The threat and the reality of terrorism have challenged all Americans to realize the devastating consequences of violent crimes and to recognize each person's important role in providing support to individuals and communities who are victimized; and

WHEREAS, America's crime victims' rights advocates have had a powerful impact in educating the nation about the devastating effects of crime and victimization and the need to provide support and services to individuals and communities hurt by crime; and

WHEREAS, There are thousands of community-based and system-based victim service programs across the nation providing a wide range of services and support to victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, The victims' rights movement has made significant progress over the past two decades in providing services to and increasing the rights of crime victims, and this progress will continue so long as dedicated support is provided to crime victims; and

WHEREAS, Members of the first regular session of the 69th General Assembly have established the first-ever Victims' Rights Caucus in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims' Rights Amendment to the Colorado constitution, which was passed on November 3, 1992, with approval of 82 percent of Colorado voters; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, recognize the week of April 21 through 27, 2013, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Colorado, and, during this week and throughout the year, we honor crime victims and those who serve them; and

That we encourage the citizens of Colorado, as individuals, as communities, and as part of the nation, to seek justice and compassion for crime victims.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Nancy Lewis, Executive Director of the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance and James Davis, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

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