



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 09-1021

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also SENATOR(S) Hudak, Sandoval, Boyd, Carroll M., Foster, Groff, Hodge, Newell.

**CONCERNING SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING BY THE
STATE OF COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado recognizes the environmental concerns related to heavily traveled and congested roadways and highways; and

WHEREAS, Telecommuting helps improve the quality of life for all residents by removing the need for workers to travel to and from work, reducing road congestion and highway building and maintenance, reducing gas consumption and automobile maintenance and repair costs, and reducing carbon emissions that lead to global warming; and

WHEREAS, Telecommuting reduces costs by reducing the need for office space and equipment and by reducing travel costs related to meetings with clients or fellow employees; and

WHEREAS, Telecommuting reduces paper usage and cost since documents are transferred electronically; and

WHEREAS, Telecommuting offers a more family-friendly opportunity for flexible work hours without reducing productivity; and

WHEREAS, The flexibility of telecommuting attracts qualified and dedicated employees and improves employee morale, leading to increased productivity and retention; and

WHEREAS, Telecommuting improves customer satisfaction by increasing the number of forms of communication and expanding contact hours; and

WHEREAS, The increased forms of communication improve collaboration between employees; and

WHEREAS, When employees telecommute, employee responsibilities must be more clearly defined and monitored, increasing communication between the employee and employer; and

WHEREAS, The number of employees telecommuting is expected to hit 14 million in 2009 and will continue to grow; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the General Assembly hereby endorses efforts to promote the practice of telecommuting in public and private sectors and commends those leaders who have undertaken such initiatives to promote the practice of telecommuting; and

(2) That the state of Colorado endorses efforts to promote access to the necessary technological resources that not only support our high tech industry, but also aid the practice of telecommuting.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Colorado Counties, Inc., to be distributed to the Colorado County Commissioners, Colorado Chambers of Commerce, and Colorado Mayors' offices; the Office of the Governor, the Honorable Bill Ritter, Jr., to be distributed to the head of each Colorado department; Don Mares, Executive Director of the Department of Labor and Employment, to be distributed to the Colorado Office of Workforce Development and to the city and county

workforce centers in Colorado; the Better Business Bureau of Denver and Boulder; the Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado; the Better Business Bureau of the Southwest; and the Better Business Bureau of Northern Colorado.

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