

MONTH OF THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT

State of Colorado's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the period of early adolescence (ages 10 - 15) is a distinct, developmental period between childhood and full adolescence; and

WHEREAS, this period has been little understood nor its importance recognized; and

WHEREAS, youth between the ages of approximately 10 - 15 undergo more extensive physical, mental, social, moral, and emotional changes, with the possible exception of infancy, than at any other time of life; and

WHEREAS, the attitudes and values young adolescents develop during these formative years largely determine their later behavior; and


WHEREAS, parents continue as primary models and guides, even as young adolescents give increased attention to the peer group; and

WHEREAS, the community itself is also a "classroom" in which young adolescents learn many lessons, and

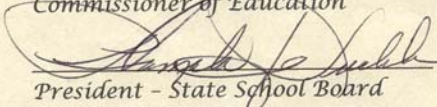
WHEREAS, much valuable information and research about this important age group now exists and should be circulated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that October be declared the Month of the Young Adolescent in the state of Colorado and

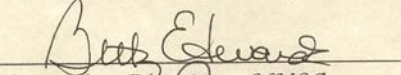
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all those in the state of Colorado joins the celebration by extending their knowledge about these critical years and undertaking actions that will support the healthy development of the young adolescents.



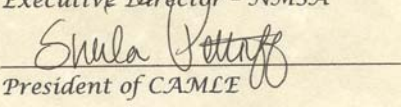
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