

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 3/7, 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates every September 27th, First Responder Appreciation Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Different types of first responders: police, fire, paramedic, search and rescue, etc.
- Often dangerous, on-call nature of work, both paid and unpaid
- Limitless situations, people and environments responded to: night or day, at any location; air, land, water; involving people of all ages, circumstances, and walks of life
- Events of September 27th in Colorado that impacted the citizen requesting the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2182 expresses gratitude for volunteer and career first responders by declaring September 27th of each year, First Responder Appreciation Day. The date was chosen by the Colorado citizen who originated the idea, whose family and community were shaken by a school shooting tragedy in that state, on that date in 2006. Colorado is where First Responder Appreciation Day first became law.