

Resolution to Create Act to Preserve Families That Include A Parent With A Disability

Because over 80% of parents involved in the child welfare system have one or more disabilities; and

Because disability status is not a predictor of parental fitness; and

Because Colorado statutes allow disability as a separate and distinct basis upon which the state may seize and detain children and terminate parental rights; and

Because the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits this type of discrimination on the basis of disability;

Be it resolved that Colorado should adopt an act to preserve families that include a parent with a disability by eliminating disability as a reason to terminate parental rights, and instead focus those statutes on parental actions or inactions that create unsafe homes for children.