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Ballot Proposal – “Save the Daylight”

Colorado Secretary of State

Keep Colorado on Daylight Saving Time Year Round

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1 Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-4-109, amend (1); repeal (2); and add (1.5)
3 as follows:

4 2-4-109. Standard time within the state. (1) The standard time
5 within the state ~~except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, is~~
6 SHALL BE ONE HOUR LATER THAN THE STANDARD TIME that ~~which is~~
7 now known and designated by act of congress as "United States Mountain
8 Standard Time".

9 (2) ~~From two o'clock antemeridian on the second Sunday of~~
10 ~~March, until two o'clock antemeridian on the first Sunday of November,~~
11 ~~or such other times and days as may, from time to time, be designated by~~
12 ~~act of congress, the standard time in this state so established shall be one~~
13 ~~hour in advance of the standard time now known as "United States~~
14 ~~Mountain Standard Time".~~

15 (1.5) Legislative declaration. (1) THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO DETERMINE, FIND, AND
16 DECLARE:

17 (a) THAT BUSINESSES WILL BENEFIT FROM INCREASED CONSUMER TRAFFIC WITH LONGER DAYLIGHT
18 HOURS IN FALL AND WINTER BY ELIMINATING THE TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S.
19 MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME INSTEAD OF ELIMINATION OF TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S.
20 MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME, OR BY KEEPING THE CONGRESSIONAL DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE;

21 (b) THAT FEWER PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES, INCLUDING SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN, WILL OCCUR WHILE
22 ELIMINATING THE TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME INSTEAD OF
23 ELIMINATION OF TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME, OR BY KEEPING

24 THE CONGRESSIONAL DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE;

25 (c) THAT THERE WILL BE FEWER VEHICLE CRASHES ACCORDING TO THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY

26 SAFETY BY ELIMINATING THE TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME

27 INSTEAD OF ELIMINATION OF TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME, OR

28 BY KEEPING THE CONGRESSIONAL DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE;

29 (d) THAT THERE WILL BE DECREASED ENERGY USAGE BY ELIMINATING THE TIME CHANGES AND

30 REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME INSTEAD OF ELIMINATION OF TIME CHANGES AND

31 REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME;

32 (e) THAT THERE WILL BE A REDUCTION IN POLLUTION – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SHOW “DARK” COMMUTES

33 TRAP MORE GREENHOUSE GASES BY ELIMINATING THE TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S.

34 MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME, OR BY KEEPING THE CONGRESSIONAL DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE INSTEAD OF

35 ELIMINATION OF TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME. LESS

36 ENERGY USE DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ALSO REDUCES ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN;

37 (f) THAT THERE WILL BE MORE TIME FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY OUTSIDE IN THE FALL AND WINTER WHILE IT IS

38 STILL LIGHT OUT, OFFERING MORE VITAMIN D AND EXERCISE BY ELIMINATING THE TIME CHANGES

39 AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME INSTEAD OF ELIMINATION OF TIME CHANGES AND

40 REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME, OR BY KEEPING THE CONGRESSIONAL DAYLIGHT

41 SAVING SCHEDULE;

42 (g) THAT SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER SUFFERERS WILL BENEFIT FROM LONGER EVENING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN

43 THE FALL AND WINTER BY ELIMINATING THE TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN

44 DAYLIGHT TIME INSTEAD OF ELIMINATION OF TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN

45 STANDARD TIME, OR BY KEEPING THE CONGRESSIONAL DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE;

46 (h) THAT PARENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN (AND MAYBE ALL PARENTS) WILL BENEFIT FROM A SINGLE

47 SCHEDULE BASED ON A CLOCK THAT NEVER CHANGES; AND

48 (i) THAT CITY ROAD WORKERS WILL BENEFIT FROM HIGHER SAFETY BY HAVING MORE TIME IN LIGHT

49 WHILE REMOVING CONSTRUCTION CONES DURING WINTER EVENING RUSH HOUR BY ELIMINATING
50 THE TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME INSTEAD OF ELIMINATION OF
51 TIME CHANGES AND REMAINING ON U.S. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME, OR BY KEEPING THE
52 CONGRESSIONAL DAYLIGHT SAVING SCHEDULE.

53 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act, if approved by the people at the general election to
54 be held in November 2016, takes effect on March 12, 2017, after the official declaration of the
55 vote by the governor.

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