

April 17, 2025  
Colorado House State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Members  
200 East Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representatives:

I am writing in support of House Joint Resolution 25-1029 concerning the federal government's erasure of United States' military history. The removal of public information flagged for association with "diversity, equity, and inclusion" from federal websites and resources that discuss military history blatantly disregards the contributions and sacrifices of Colorado veterans who were proud members of the Tuskegee Airmen, the Japanese American 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, Buffalo Soldiers, and African American Medal of Honor recipients, among others. Such erasure also stands to discourage Colorado's young women and men from considering military service as they do not see themselves reflected in our country's military history nor its celebrated heroes.

The executive order "Restoring truth and sanity to American history," issued by President Trump on March 27, 2025, goes even further. It is derailing efforts to share, celebrate, and contemplate all aspects of America's history through its National Parks, museums, and libraries.

The executive office's proclaimed efforts to "eliminate waste" go far beyond turning resources away from previously enacted proactive DEI efforts as they instead dedicate time and resources towards removing and rewriting public-facing records of our history. Such egregious acts are counter to our country's principles of liberty, freedom, and justice for all. Striving for truth in American history means acknowledging all people's contributions: the good, the bad, and the lessons learned. How a person feels about various aspects of history is an individual choice and not for the government to control.

The Colorado Historical Foundation is a nonprofit corporation that mobilizes resources to support and inspire Colorado's people in their preservation of meaningful places, heritage, and history. We believe Colorado, and the United States, should be a place where all its people feel reflected in historical records and are thus empowered to build a sound, equitable future informed by the past.

Thank you for your consideration of HJR 25-1029 and taking a stand for Colorado's veterans.

Respectfully,



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Cc: The Honorable Governor Jared Polis