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WHEREAS, Colorado desires to increase graduation rates, academic achievement levels of all students, and raise rates of enrollment and persistence in secondary and post-secondary education;

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- Announce the month at school, district and community meetings.
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