

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 25

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE U.S. SENATE’S DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 14, 2025, AS NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR CHARLIE KIRK, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING FREE SPEECH, ENCOURAGING OPEN DIALOGUE, AND CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was fatally shot on September 10, 2025, in a targeted act of political violence while speaking at a public event in Orem, Utah; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2025, the United States Senate unanimously adopted S.Res.403, a resolution expressing support for the designation of October 14, 2025, as the “National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk,” in recognition of his contributions to civic education and public discourse; and

WHEREAS, in passing the Senate resolution, lawmakers from across party lines affirmed that the principles of open debate and the peaceful exchange of ideas are fundamental to America’s constitutional republic; and

WHEREAS, the resolution encourages educational institutions, civic organizations, and citizens across the United States to observe that day in remembrance and reflection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Colorado Springs recognizes that no individual should be threatened, harmed, or assassinated because of their expressed beliefs, that freedom of speech must be vigorously protected, and that respectful civil discourse is essential to the life of a free society; and

WHEREAS, The City encourages public institutions, schools, universities, civic groups, media, and individuals within Colorado Springs to observe October 14 as a day to reflect on the values of civility, respectful disagreement, and the importance of protecting discourse from violence or suppression; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, the memory of citizens who participated in public life, even when their views were controversial or strongly debated, serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to preserve open dialogue, protect dissent, and condemn any violence intended to silence speech; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council hereby honors the U.S. Senate’s designation of October 14, 2025, as the National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk, and affirms its support for the principles behind that resolution.

The City Council condemns all acts of political violence, intimidation, or assassination carried out in an attempt to silence speech or beliefs.

The City Council reaffirms that freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and the open exchange of ideas are core to constitutional republican governance, and that no person should be harmed, threatened, or silenced for expressing their convictions.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 14th day of October 2025.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk