

## **RECOGNIZING THE TRANSFORMING SAFETY PROJECT**

### **February 26, 2019**

**WHEREAS,** the Transforming Safety project is a new vision which seeks to support and invest in community development through small business loan and grant programs rather than relying on the criminal justice system solely; and

**WHEREAS,** Southeast Colorado Springs was granted this money through the passing of the Transforming Safety Bill by the Colorado State Senate; and

**WHEREAS,** the project uses a new safety framework that focuses on preventing crime by empowering local community members to identify priorities and solutions and provide funding to Southeast Colorado Springs; and

**WHEREAS,** the small business loan program will expand small business lending in Southeast Colorado Springs through Accion, an award-winning nonprofit organization dedicated to providing the tools entrepreneurs need to operate, grow or start their business; and

**WHEREAS,** the Transforming Safety grant awarded to Southeast Colorado Springs will support adults and youth who are or have been involved in the criminal justice system reducing recidivism, help youth develop the skills to avoid high risk behaviors that may lead to involvement in the criminal justice system, address systemic causes of economic, racial and academic disparities and improve community-based supports to reduce violence in families.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Richard Skorman, President of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as

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in the City of Colorado Springs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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Richard Skorman  
President of City Council