

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLORADO SPRINGS' COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND NEIGHBOR UP! WEEK IN COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, neighborhoods are the building blocks of communities, and one of the basic units of democracy in America; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs' Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO) is a local nonprofit organization that empowers neighborhoods within the Pikes Peak region by educating, assisting and encouraging their residents to help create strong, tolerant and diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, CONO addresses neighborhood issues and concerns, and aids neighborhoods in working with government and public and private organizations to strengthen the public process and improve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, CONO's work to build the capacity, resources, and leadership in neighborhood associations and to represent the common needs and desires of neighborhoods benefits the City of Colorado Springs by reducing its costs relating to public safety, taking on these roles with mostly private funds and a great deal of volunteer effort; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County rely on CONO to marshal the resources of engaged citizens to advise and participate in their local government by coordinating programs such as the City's Citizen's College, which launched in May 2016 in cooperation with CONO, City staff, and the community; and

WHEREAS, CONO's annual Neighbor Up! week will take place during the week of May 5-12, 2017, bringing together neighbors across the City and El Paso County to learn about CONO's mission, become more involved in their neighborhoods, and raise funds for its important work.

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

Section 1. City Council hereby declares the week of May 5-12, 2017 as Neighbor Up! week in Colorado Springs, and expresses its appreciation for CONO's vital work in support of the City's neighborhoods and its citizens.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____ 2017.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk