

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR STEVE BACH'S FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS MAYOR OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, Steve Bach has served with distinction for four years as Mayor of the City of Colorado Springs, the first Mayor under the City's council-mayor form of government; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bach came to Colorado Springs in the 1960s as a soldier in the 5th Infantry Division Artillery stationed at Fort Carson, and subsequently married Suzi, pursued a successful career, and raised a family in our great City; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mayor Bach stepped forward to campaign for Mayor out of a desire to help Colorado Springs overcome real challenges and achieve great opportunities, focusing his administration on jobs, transforming city government and building community; and

WHEREAS, since his election, Mayor Bach has helped transform city government by building a customer-focused culture within the executive branch, introducing a strategic management approach for all of the City's operating units; and encouraging city employees to be innovative in delivering core city services with limited financial resources; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bach has ably led the city through three separate natural disasters in two years, honored countless individuals and community organizations for their contributions to the fabric of our community through his *Spirit of the Springs* initiative; and championed economic development initiatives focusing on downtown, the Colorado Springs Airport, and underserved areas in Southeast, Ivywild, and North Nevada neighborhoods of the City; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Bach's leadership, crime rates are down; the City has added a new fire station and launched plans for a second; hundreds of Mountain Shadows residents have been welcomed back to their rebuilt and renewed neighborhood; and citizens have provided meaningful input on the City's highest priority backlogged capital improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bach's efforts to support the growth of new jobs, encourage culture of service and quality within city government, and engage all citizens in dialogue about their role in the City's future have truly made a better tomorrow possible for our great city.

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

That City Council hereby expresses its deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for Mayor Steve Bach's four years of dedicated service as Mayor of Colorado Springs, and wishes Mayor Steve and Suzi Bach all the best in their future endeavors.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 26th day of May, 2015.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk