

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
COLORADO SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs relies on the input and advice of over 50 separate boards and commissions, involving over 300 citizen volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the City's boards and commissions provide valuable subject matter expertise and input on issues as varied as land use, tourism, public safety, transportation, housing and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs is a large and diverse community, and values the diversity of ideas and insights its engaged citizen volunteers bring to the discussion on a wide variety of issues; and

WHEREAS, a small group of committed citizens has volunteered to implement a City Council Engagement Program, the goal of which is to engage more of Colorado Springs' citizens in city policy discussions, increasing engagement in the general population as well as in underrepresented minorities; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to recognize and endorse the efforts of Planning Commissioner Eric Phillips and Dr. Tim Gramling, President of Colorado Technical University, for their efforts to launch a City Council Engagement Program to assist City Council in broadening the scope of its volunteer outreach efforts.

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

Section 1. City Council hereby endorses the Colorado Springs City Council Engagement Program, developed and implemented at no cost to the City by interested citizens and operated in cooperation with City Council.

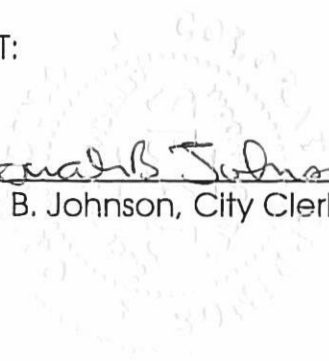
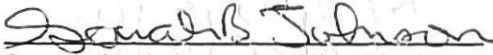
Section 2. City Council looks forward to working closely with volunteers and engaged citizens involved in the City Council Engagement Program by providing orientation and training to citizen volunteers who serve on its boards and commissions, and by engaging with participants in policy issues of interest to City Council and citizens alike.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 25th day of March
2014.



Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk