RESOLUTION NO. 120 - 24

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS WILL REMAIN A NON-SANTUARY CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs is not and will not become a Sanctuary City. We will continue to steward our taxpayers' dollars and use these limited resources for the benefit of our citizens first. We do not receive federal funding to accommodate the population of unauthorized immigrants entering the country without legal status, and we will not invite this crisis into our city; and

WHEREAS, we will work with the City Administration and Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management to be prepared for all contingencies; and

WHEREAS, our City is compassionate and kind, and respect those organizations that take care of the needy. We will not encourage migrants without legal status to come to Colorado Springs but will handle all contingencies with compassion and respect; and

WHEREAS, immigration is an enumerated power of the Federal Government. We strongly encourage our Federal Government to resolve this humanitarian crisis at the southern border. However, in the absence of a federal government solution, cities are being unfairly impacted and we will not let that happen here; and

WHEREAS, we call on the Governor of Colorado and our State Legislature to repeal legislation which has negatively impacted our state and law enforcement, including HB 19-1124 and HB 23-1100.

WHEREAS, we believe in the rule law. We will not hesitate to request Title 32 assistance from the Governor of Colorado and Title 10 forces if needed by the federal government.

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

Section 1. The City Council reaffirms remaining a Non-Sanctuary City and strongly opposes becoming a Sanctuary City. The crisis at the southern border is serious and it is having a significant impact on cities.

City Council wants our citizens to know just like any emergency, we will be ready to react with an operational plan that prioritizes the safety, quality of life, and interests of Colorado Springs citizens.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 24th day of September, 2024.

Randy Celms, Council President

ATTEST: Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk Minimum VIC I CINA