

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 21

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION DESIGNATING APRIL
AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

WHEREAS, April is designated as National Volunteer Month to celebrate ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs benefits from thousands of citizen volunteers who support a wide variety of programs including the Colorado Springs Airport Ambassadors Program; the Community Advancing Public Safety Program (CAPS); the many programs offered through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department; and the Adopt-A-Waterway Program including Creek Week; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, even though the number of volunteer hours and projects were significantly limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals and organizations still provided support and services to the community including delivering almost 200,000 pounds of food to the public through mobile pantries at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department's community centers; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, volunteerism is on the rebound, with over 200 volunteer coaches supporting spring youth soccer and football as well as summer opportunities for clean-ups, summer camp support and docent interactions at multiple operations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in a typical year, the level of volunteer effort includes almost 16,000 volunteers contributing over 200,000 hours valued at \$5.9 million in service to the community using the latest state volunteerism rate of \$29.50 per hour.

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

Section 1. That City of Colorado Springs designates April as National Volunteer Month and urges our citizens to volunteer. In addition, City Council asks everyone to recognize, support and commend those who already volunteer and help make our community an amazing place to live, work and play.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 27th day of April, 2021.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk