

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 2021 AS STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH) EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics drive the City of Colorado Springs twenty-first century economy and are critical to preparing our graduating high school students for college and technical training; and

WHEREAS, Our nation ranks 24th in science and 38th in math worldwide, which threatens our ability to address the biggest problems our country will face in the future, such as energy, health, food supply, and water accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs as well as the rest of Colorado is struggling with a severe shortage of skilled workers and had 15.3 job openings for every unemployed worker in STEM last year, and where nationally there is a 2.5 million STEM worker shortfall; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes and appreciates the rich abundance of Colorado Springs businesses, schools, and non-profits that build and sustain the levels of innovation that STEM industries demand today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs requires a local civilian workforce of STEM educated engineers and scientist to help succeed in its mission to deter aggression and conflict, defend U.S. and allied freedom of action, deliver space combat power for the Joint/Combined force, and develop joint warfighters to advance U.S. and allied interests in, from, and through the space domain.

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

Section 1. That City Council recognizes August 2021 as STEM Education Month and calls upon the people of Colorado Springs to encourage the efforts of the City's schools, students, employers and citizens to explore the STEM fields that build the skills that will propel our community into the future

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

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk