

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION DESIGNATING APRIL 6th
THROUGH 12th, 2014 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** April 6th through April 12th has been designated as National Volunteer Week 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 Community Advancing Public Safety Program (CAPS), and the many ongoing opportunities provided through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens who volunteer their time and provide assistance demonstrate a spirit of helping that multiplies in value when each citizen reaches out to assist another; and
- WHEREAS,** in the CAPS program over 600 volunteers provided over 71,000 hours of civic engagement to advance public safety in 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** in the Parks Department, over 6,000 volunteers contributed nearly 150,000 hours of service to the community in 2013 that included Spirit of the Springs projects, planting flowers, coaching youth, building trails, adopting parks, and serving on boards and Friends groups; and
- WHEREAS,** this level of effort, calculated at the national value of volunteerism which is \$22.43 per hour, equaled nearly 4.7 million dollars in service that benefits the community.

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

That City Council designates April 6th through 12th as National Volunteer Week 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 8th day of April, 2014.

Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk