

Resolution _____

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 5 AS “CREEK WEEK”
IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

- WHEREAS**, the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County are blessed with extensive and diverse natural resources, such as forests, grasslands, riparian areas, lakes, rivers, creeks and a wide variety of open spaces; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fountain Creek Watershed, a 927-square mile watershed that drains south into the Arkansas river at Pueblo, is an important natural resource in the Pikes Peak Region; and
- WHEREAS**, the riparian habitat along Fountain Creek and its tributaries has been identified as an important conservation target of the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District; and
- WHEREAS**, “Creek Week” was created to encourage the protection, restoration and maintenance of Fountain Creek; and
- WHEREAS**, “Creek Week” programs and activities are designed to raise awareness about littering within our watershed, to encourage organizations and individuals to collect litter and debris, and make Fountain Creek and its surrounding communities cleaner and safer; and
- WHEREAS**, “Creek Week” is intended to create local stewardship and education on the aesthetic, recreational and ecological values of Fountain Creek; and
- WHEREAS**, the City of Colorado Springs contains miles of creek front, many of which contain litter and debris that must be removed to better ensure the protection and preservation of Fountain Creek; and
- WHEREAS**, during “Creek Week” cleanup events will take place along Fountain Creek and waterways throughout El Paso County, including the City of Colorado Springs; and
- WHEREAS**, Keep America Beautiful and Lowe’s awarded a \$20,000 Community Beautification grant to support cleanup activities along Fountain Creek; and
- WHEREAS**, clean creeks and adjacent vegetation contribute to a safe drinking water supply, provide productive wildlife habitat, add value to property and are vital to a safe storm water drainage system; and

WHEREAS, Fountain Creek provides natural recreation areas where children can learn to value living things, provide attractive green spaces in neighborhoods and offers quiet retreats away from noise and traffic, which are all valued assets in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado hereby recognizes the week of September 27 – October 5, 2014, as “Creek Week” in the City of Colorado Springs, proclaims its gratitude and support for all the citizens of El Paso County working within the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District to help protect, restore and maintain our waterways, and asks all members of the community to support efforts to protect and enrich our watershed health by participating in the many “Creek Week” activities.

DONE THIS 23rd day of September, 2014 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Keith King, President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk