

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE FRIENDS OF CHEYENNE CANON FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HELEN HUNT FALLS VISITOR AND NATURE CENTER

WHEREAS, the Helen Hunt Falls Visitor and Nature Center serves as a cornerstone amenity in North Cheyenne Cañon Park, welcoming hundreds of thousands of visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon have previously committed resources to fund the design and building of the new visitor and nature center; and

WHEREAS, this year the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon donated new cabinetry and fixtures to the Helen Hunt Falls Visitor and Nature Center, valued at \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon is to preserve and enhance the natural, scenic and historical resources of North Cheyenne Cañon Park through promoting public awareness, stewardship activities, providing educational and interpretive programs and supporting instructive, scientific and historic exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon have hosted numerous volunteer projects, successful fundraising events, and programming events in the park; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative and cooperative partnership between the Friends of Cheyenne Cañon and the City of Colorado Springs is truly an exemplary model of caring citizens stepping forward to work with the City of Colorado Springs to benefit both the community and the hundreds of thousands of tourists who visit North Cheyenne Cañon Park each year.

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

That the City Council of Colorado Springs expresses gratitude to Friends of Cheyenne Cañon for their donation to improve the Helen Hunt Falls Visitor and Nature Center and much appreciation for their continued commitment and partnership to ensure that North Cheyenne Cañon Park is valued for generations to come.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 22nd day of September 2015.

Merv Bennett, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk